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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

For the Municipal Year of 1897-98.

SELECTMEN:

CHARLES F. NYE, GEORGE P. MASON,
JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM.

Town Clerk:

ORESTES T. DOE.

Treasurer:

HENRY R. JENKS.

Assessors:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD, JAMES O. CHILSON,
ELISHA P. CHAPMAN.

Overseers of Poor:

GEORGE E. EMERSON, CHAIRMAN, SAMUEL Y. REED,
HIRAM WHITING.

Auditor:

NELSON E. NEWELL.

Collector of Taxes:

EDWARD H. SHERMAN.

School Committee:

FRED P. CHAPMAN,	Term expires March,			1898
GEORGE KING, Chairman,	"	"	"	1899
WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF,	"	"	"	1900

Board of Health:

GREGORY A. MARTIN, Chairman,	Term expires		1899
DWIGHT M. HODGE,	"	"	1898
WILLIAM H. COLBY,	"	"	1900

Constables:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER, FRED L. DAVIS,
KERVIN R. JEWETT.

Fence Viewers:

GRANVILLE H. ELLIS, WILTON A. POND,
CYRUS M. ALLEN.

Field Drivers:

CARL B. JOHNSON, DOUGLASS P. A. JACOBY,
HENRY E. RUGGLES.

Pound Keeper:

NORMAN B. STONE.

Committee of Fifteen:

FREDERIC E. ALDRICH, E. LOVELL METCALF,
JOSEPH P. BASSETT, JOSEPH G. RAY,
CHARLES H. CORBIN, CHARLES STEWART,
MANCY M. DANIELS, DENNIS F. O'SULLIVAN,
GEORGE N. GASKILL, JOSEPH M. WHITING,
TIMOTHY J. HEALEY, GEORGE W. WIGGIN,
WALTER M. FISHER, AMOS P. WOODWARD,
CHARLES E. WOODWARD.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Superintendent of Streets:
CHARLES S. RAND.

Special Police:

CHARLES R. GOWEN,
JOSEPH T. HUTCHINSON,
WILLIAM G CODY,
FRED L. DAVIS,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
EDMUND J. ROCKWOOD,
GEORGE BOURBEAU,
AMOS W. STONE,
DANIEL W FISHER,
WILLIAM REDPATH,
WILLARD H. FISH,
GEORGE W. HILL.

Surveyors of Lumber:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD.
GEORGE M. WADSWORTH,
WALTER M FISHER.

Measurers of Wood and Bark:

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
WILTON A. POND,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
T. JEFFERSON DANIELS,
GEORGE M WADSWORTH,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
THOMAS B. ALLEN,
NORMAN B. STONE.

Measurers of Grain:

FRANK D. METCALF,
NATHAN B. ARNOLD,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
JAMES F. RAY,
GEORGE M. WADSWORTH,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD.

Weighers of Coal and Hay:

JOSEPH E. CLARK,
CLARENCE H. WOODWARD,
GEORGE M. WADSWORTH,
KERVIN R. JEWETT,
JAMES F. RAY,
NATHAN B. ARNOLD,
ANSON B. LONGWORTH,
JESSE D. HOPKINS,
THOMAS KEEFE,
ALEXANDER M. HAGGART,
JAMES B. CROCKER,
ELMER M. WADSWORTH.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:
GRANVILLE H. ELLIS.

Inspector of Kerosene Oil:
GRANVILLE H. ELLIS.

Agents for Burial of Soldiers:
EDWIN A. MASON,
WALTER M. FISHER.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions:
WILLIAM F. KING.

Police Officers:
SILAS W. NICKERSON,
ANTHONY CONNOR,
WILLIAM REDPATH.

Auctioneers:
LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
DAVID W. CORSON.

Deputy Collector of Taxes:
JEROME B. FITZPATRICK.

Forest Fire Wards:

CHARLES S. RAND, CHARLES E. WOODWARD,
ALMON SANBORN, JAMES M. PARKER,
WILLIAM F. KING, ALBERT J. NEWELL,
T. JEFFERSON DANIELS, ELLIOT POOR,
NORMAN B. STONE.

Engineers of Fire Department:

JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM, JAMES B. McKINNON,
EDGAR A. METCALF, GEORGE I. PECK,
WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY.

Registrars of Voters:

NATHAN C. NYE, Term expires May, 1898
BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD, " " " 1899
JAMES E. KELLY, " " " 1900
ORESTES T. DOE, Ex-officio Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

Dr. GEORGE E. KING, Chairman,	Term Expires March 1899
FRED P. CHAPMAN,	" " " 1898
WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF, Secretary,	" " " 1900

E. D. DANIELS, Superintendent.

Report of School Committee.

To the Inhabitants of Franklin:

While it is our duty to make annually a detailed report of our Public Schools, containing such suggestions and information as we may think necessary to promote their interests, we do not deem it of importance to make it so elaborate as we otherwise might, were it not that the Superintendent's report is also published with the Town report, dealing more fully than ours in matters relating to the schools.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

We regard it a striking feature of our public school system that our ancestors should have incorporated into it such strenuous and elaborate provisions for securing to all children and youth brought under its influence such a high standard of morals and those noble and patriotic sentiments, which we have found, from sad experience, of such vital importance in maintaining our country undivided with its republican government and free institutions.

Their solemn injunctions expressed in the following schools statutes cannot, we believe, be kept too fresh in the minds of all parents and teachers, viz.: "It shall be the duty of all preceptors and teachers of academies and all other instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, honesty and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the armament

of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded." * * * "And also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

Where in any ancient classical writings can be found more comprehensive and elevating sentiments to secure the greatest happiness and prosperity to all members of society than these? In fulfillment of such obligations we have endeavored to procure such teachers as should be able, not only to give instruction in such studies as are required to be taught in our schools in this department of learning, but also, by their personal examples at all times, both by word and deed, to be a shining example for their scholars to follow. If the community in general should exert an equally good influence, who can doubt the salutary effects on our school children and on the young of the rising generation, and the greatly improved moral condition of society at large? Some, witnessing the dire evils of intemperance in society, are disposed to think that more time, relatively to other studies, should be given to those branches which they lay so much stress on to overcome it. While we are ready to acknowledge that much can be extended by such teaching, we believe it is often much overrated in comparison with the salutary effects of a good example and such other means as could be used to suppress it. Any one at all familiar with the number of studies required to be taught in our schools must realize that the amount of time devoted to this one department of study must, of necessity, be very limited. However, considering the importance of moral character, would it not be well for parents and others to seriously consider the feasibility of seconding the efforts of our teachers in this direction, by resorting to some such expedient as have the Western communities? It is stated on good authority that, at least, three hundred towns and cities in the West have adopted curfew laws, compelling all children under fifteen years of age, unless accompanied by parents or absent with leave, to be at home at nine o'clock in the evening in summer and eight in the winter. It is also stated that police officers generally testify to a marked decrease of arrests in places where the law

has been enforced, and school teachers notice a decided improvement in their pupils.

In this respect we believe that our schools are in a much better condition than those in many places where less strenuous efforts are made to suppress the causes that degrade the morals of children. Of one thing we feel assured, that none have a more favorable influence exerted over them than by our corps of teachers.

When we consider the advancement and standing of our schools in other respects, in comparison with other schools of our state, we believe they may fairly be classed as good or very good. We certainly have none that can be regarded as poor. If we have none that can take first rank in their advancement, we feel confident that it is not from want of ability on the part of some of our teachers that they have not attained that distinction, but rather to certain retarding conditions which, as yet, the school management have not been able to fully obviate. Of these the principle one is, that we have been so seldom able to procure and retain thoroughly trained teachers for our lower grades of schools for the salary which it has been the custom of the school committees of this town to pay. Many persons entertain the opinion that graduates from our High school should be allowed to teach such grades without additional preparation. We regard this as an erroneous idea, and it has no doubt many times led to their employment much to the disadvantage of the schools. We quite agree with the most experienced superintendents and other close observers of our school system, that graduates of high schools should, before becoming candidates for teachers, have a complete and careful review of the work of the primary and grammar schools. To accomplish this in the most thorough manner, we would earnestly recommend such to take a normal course, and when possible supplement it by attending for six months a training school supervised by an expert superintendent. The attempt of some graduates of high schools to substitute for such a course a "short cut" by attending for a short time in the summer what is termed a "training class," has proved ineffectual, and some have even thought it harmful, inasmuch

as it leads to imitation of the practice observed, without the teaching of the fundamental principles underlying it, and the necessary practice to make it useful.

Until we are able to procure teachers that have had such advantages or their equivalent, we have no good reason to expect any very decided advancement in the standard of our higher grades, however well they may be equipped with teachers and supervision. We have reason to think that we shall soon be able to do so in a large degree, as four additional normal schools in this state open during the year, and Radcliffe and other colleges have already established departments for the training of teachers.

We fully sympathize with those graduates from our high schools who desire to teach, but have not the means to pursue a more extended course. But we deem it unwise to let our sympathies divert us from the importance of doing all that is possible to secure a good and sure foundation for such a noble structure as is our public school system. As only about one-third of the teachers in the public schools of the state are normal graduates and are for the most part employed in cities and wealthy towns, we cannot expect, for the present, to secure such for our schools in any large degree. But we do believe that if committees and superintendents would more strenuously insist on employing such, that the supply would rapidly increase. Under such conditions the best we have been able to do has been to procure as many teachers as possible, who were graduates of high schools and who had had practice in teaching under good supervision. We have several such teachers in the different grades whom we regard as excellent teachers and whom we hope to be able to retain. But we are compelled to say that some who had, for a long time, done us good and faithful service, have resigned and are now teaching in larger towns and cities where larger salaries are paid. In a few cases, where we were compelled to select a teacher on short notice, and at a time when the larger part of the most desirable teachers were occupied in teaching, they, after a short trial, proved unsatisfactory, and we were obliged to get others to fill their places. It is gratifying, how-

ever, for us to be able to say that we have several teachers in our higher grades who are either college or normal graduates and have had such long and successful experience in teaching that they are fully entitled to rank as first-class.

While we are not always able, from one year's observation, to determine the exact degree of progress made in our schools, as a whole, still a more extended one assures us that some advancement, at least, is being made. When our observation is directed to some particular branches of study, the changes are often more noticeable. We will only call attention to one at this time. Some time last year we substituted in the low schools the vertical for the slanting system of writing, which has been so long and universally in use in all our schools. A careful examination of specimens from all the scholars of several schools convinces us that the vertical method is superior to the other in securing a more legible and useful style for practice work in school and book-keeping. Several branches of study that are not now taught in our schools, viz.: Agriculture, drawing and use of tools and the art of cooking, and which by some are thought to be more useful than some that are taught, may be introduced at the option of the School Committee. Time my determine the propriety and usefulness of having them taught, but in the present condition of our schools we do not see how they can be taken up to advantage.

HIGH SCHOOL

What has been said in regard to the necessity of improving our lower grades of schools for the advancement of the higher is equally applicable to the High School. Owing to the greater variety of studies necessary in this grade in proportion to the lower, the cost per scholar for the teaching force is, under the most favorable conditions, very much greater. But when the number is such as to make the classes small, the disproportion in cost is very much greater than when the numbers are such as to make the classes of nearer the maximum size that can be taught by nearly the same number of teachers with equally good results.

We believe it to be quite true that the present number of about sixty-five scholars in this school could be nearly doubled with comparatively little increase of cost for teaching, which, of course, would make the cost per pupil very much less. Quite a number of the classes have now from one to eight or nine scholars in each, whereas it is believed by most good teachers that the number might be increased to about twenty in many studies with equally good advancement.

However, we are hopeful in the near future of improving these unfavorable conditions in the way that we have indicated, and by a judicious selection of studies adapted to the aims and mental condition of those desiring to continue in school beyond the grammar grades, so that a much larger number may be induced to take and continue in a full High School course. With the greatly modified courses in the colleges including the higher English, and the scientific and the classical, and the large number of technical and industrial schools, it would seem that parents and their advisors might find it less difficult than formerly to decide on a course of study in the High School that would be most likely to subserve the best interests of their children in after life. The absolute necessity for a largely classical course, formerly so strenuously insisted upon, has been greatly modified by the larger number of our best educational institutions, and a happy medium is now thought best adapted for that large class who do not expect to earn their living by strictly professional employments. It is our opinion that we have had at all times during the year a very competent and faithful corps of teachers in this school, and that they have exerted their best efforts to make it worthy of its name.

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Up to the present time we have been able to accommodate all the scholars from the discontinued schools, in schools previously established, and, therefore, without additional cost for teachers. But the time is near at hand when we shall either have to establish an additional school or employ an assistant teacher, if we continue to transport all that we now do.

Several of our schools have already the number of scholars that can be taught to the best advantage by our teachers. We find that the cost of transporting scholars from the northwest part of the town is about the same as that of supporting the school there. While there are some advantages arising from classification in this course, there are some disadvantages arising from the longer time that it requires to go and return from school. As long as there are enough scholars for a fair-sized school it is doubtful whether it would be justifiable to about double the cost for transporting them, which would be the result if we had to employ an extra teacher. With the probabilities of an increased expense necessary we would advise an increase in the appropriation over last year to enable us to do whatever may be thought best. Some parents sending scholars to the Populatic School have expressed a wish to have the scholars of that school brought up to the Centre; but, as yet, we do not see the way clear to recommend it.

SCHOOL EXPENSES AND ESTIMATES.

It will be seen by the Town Treasurer's report that the expenses for the past year have exceeded the appropriations that were made for support of schools, including salary of Superintendent, repairs of school houses, transportation, etc., etc., by the sum of $177.26. Nearly all this excess was required to pay for changes made necessary in consequence of the alterations made in the Horace Mann school house, recommended by a special committee and authorized by the town, and which, of course, could not have been anticipated by us at the time of making our last year's report.

Our estimate for the fiscal year commencing Feb. 1, 1898, for the support of schools, including salary of Superintendent, repairs of school house, school books and supplies, miscellaneous school expenses and transportation of scholars, is thirteen thousand five hundred dollars ($13,500), and we recommend that the town raise and appropriate that sum for the above specified purposes.

SUPERINTENDENT.

We most decidedly recommend the town to continue the employment of a Superintendent of Schools. While we are not fully prepared to recommend the town to raise the additional funds necessary to employ a separate Superintendent we are of the opinion that it has many advantages over the method now in use.

For the School Committee,

GEORGE KING, Chairman.

Jan. 31, 1898.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with custom and the laws of the commonwealth I submit to you my fifth annual report of the public schools of Franklin. In the first place I wish to thank you for your continued confidence and generous support of all plans for the betterment of the schools. The object of this report is not to conceal, but to justly reveal the present conditions of the schools and outline plans for the future.

In the unusual amount of work given me this year the greatest trouble has been the finding and retention of excellent teachers for the salaries the town is willing to pay. Rules and Regulations of the School Committee, adopted 1895, Chapter II, Section 11 states: "Any teacher intending to resign shall give the superintendent four weeks' notice of such intention." In the history of this year this excellent and almost universal by-law in Massachusetts has become merely a recommendation. What shall be done when the teachers

refuse to comply? One pleads ignorance, yet a copy of the by-laws is in each teacher's desk. Another refuses obedience. Four weeks is ample time to find a suitable person to teach. Four days, two days are not. Barely had the new committee for the school year of 1897-8 organized when notice came that Miss Lee of the Unionville school would leave. Fortunately for the town's interest conditions were such that by the transfer of Miss Bertha Ellis from City Mills to Unionville, and by the appointment of Miss Pearl Jacobs to the former place, there was little interruption in the work. Miss Lee had proved herself a capable and most popular teacher, and it is certainly to her credit that the citizens of Unionville and the committee tried so hard to retain her services. Miss Ellis had been most successful at City Mills and was enabled to assume and master the position in spite of the fact that it was in her own village. The school at present is far better than before in respect to thoroughness, balance, discipline and personal interest for each child. It matters little, parents, in the course of years how fast your child progresses if he is not thorough in his tasks.

Miss Pearl Jacobs at City Mills had many new phases of school life to meet and overcome. A successful teacher must be a student of more than the daily task, must from the given principles of education work out his own methods. Many parents are fond of blaming teachers and school officials for defects in their children for which they are alone responsible. Miss Jacobs is doing quiet, faithful and efficient service for the town.

At 'Latic, the remaining school district not transported, the conditions are not so satisfactory. In January, '97, Miss Rachel Wordell, a recent graduate from Bridgewater Normal school, was elected. She brought the experience of three years in school duties, enriched by the course at Normal, and in the enthusiasm of that light taught a most successful school. After repeated promises of remaining another year, she suddenly—late in August—resigned. What was to be done? The best normal graduates had already been secured. Of the second grade, one promised to remain just long

enough to fit herself for a position in Quincy. In this dilemma Miss Mabel Perry was secured. Miss Perry is a cultured lady of high character and highest ideals, but is lacking in some of the methods and adaptability always possessed by normal graduates. The parents of this district, realizing the greater advantages secured by the other districts whose pupils are carried to the center graded schools, late last October submitted an informal and unwritten petition to the committee asking for the same privilege. Because this petition was unwritten and because the committee on repairs, acting on my recommendation had already spent this year considerable money on repairs long needed at 'Latic, this petition has not been acted upon. There was no desire on the part of the parents last spring, as far as I could learn, for transportation. I believe that greater progress and advantage come to all the pupils when the little local school is closed and the pupils are centralized in the larger graded schools. That there may be certain evils attending none can deny, but with responsible drivers the children's health and morals are better cared for here than when running wild at the district schools. Much trouble and dissatisfaction arose, too, this fall at the North-West. Petition and contra-petition came in. It was not my purpose to involve the school department in what seemed a neighborhood quarrel and so, after lengthy inquiry, it was decided that the majority in the district should be regarded, and the plan for transportation was wisely continued.

The primary schools at the Brick School, Nason and Arlington Streets, have been taught by the same teachers this year, and with commendable success. Too many supplies and too much encouragement and support cannot be given to these teachers, for here the foundation is being laid. At the Arlington, Miss Morse is sadly in need of a permanent assistant. Fifty pupils in that grade and that portion of the town need much more care and instruction than in some schools. Miss Morse renders faithful service, but it would be economy for the town to give her a permanent assistant in the place of an occasional pupil-teacher. Both Miss Pearl Jacobs and Miss Kate Healy have acted as temporary assist-

ants this year, and without pay.

It did not seem wise to the school officials to continue the teacher of last spring at the Four Corners. Accordingly your Superintendent recommended for election Miss Bertha Hood of Franklin, who had received one year's training at Framingham Normal and three years' experience at Medway. Miss Hood's service has at all times been faithful and occasionally even brilliant. Late in August a petition signed by all the parents sending pupils to this school came before the School Committee, but as all arrangements had been completed several months before, no action could be taken.

Miss Barbara E. Vogler, a Bridgewater Normal graduate of 1897, with the highest commendation of the principal, was elected in place of Miss Stockbridge, who had resigned, at Nason street. This has been a hard school, and the enthusiasm and devotion of Miss Vogler have won its merited success. At the School street, more responsibility has been placed upon Miss Reilly, and a slight increase in salary given. Miss Reiley excels in discipline and harmonious management of the schools. She is worthy of more remuneration from the town. In place of Miss Saxton it seemed eminently wise to employ Mr. Charles Frazer, a Franklin boy, who had trained several months in the High School. In these few months of actual service he has surpassed the expectations of his best friends. Miss Senter was retained at the opening of the year. Later she resigned and insisted that it take place at once. This action left the department of geography in poor condition. Your Superintendent, in the few days granted, made a hurried examination of some fifteen candidates and selected the best presented. She proved a failure, and at the end of the term was obliged to give place to Miss Lizzie D. Farrell. A short sentence, but the untimely resignation of Miss Senter cost the Superintendent fifty letters, three days' time and many miles of travel hunting for the right teacher. Only a few of the candidates wishing to teach are fitted. A day laborer can leave his task any night and not return, with no sense of honor lost. The higher the service the higher and greater the responsibility upon the servant.

A teacher owes something to and for her position. If she wishes to be merely a day laborer, the sooner a change is made the better. But if in her teaching she is striving to build character among her pupils, such an ideal must restrain her until the right successor is secured. Should a portion of their salary be kept back to retain the teachers? The money given is never full payment to a faithful teacher. It is better to trust in the teachers and occasionally be deceived if it need be.

At the Horace Mann, Mr. Florent Whitmore of Castine Normal School, Me., with several years' experience, was selected in place of Miss Peirce, resigned. Many friends of the school believed a change should have been made sooner.

It is a very hard task to find just the right teacher among the list of candidates, and requires many hours in selecting. Mr. Whitmore's success is excellent in all branches except music. He is worthy of a much larger position.

Miss Helen M. Hanscom, a graduate of Colby, Me., with highest rank, was elected to the science department of the High School. It is unfortunate that owing to the number of pupils and the press of classes the science teacher must divide her attention between the natural sciences and languages, subjects so diametrically opposed. In view of all the conditions, Miss Hanscom's success is marked and gratifying. In January she resigned to accept a larger position and at an increased salary. Miss Elizabeth Shaw, a graduate of Smith with post graduate work at Tufts, was selected for this position.

We have so competent an instructor in Miss O'Hara of the English and Commercial departments that other superintendents wish her. They come early and they come often. It is with no small sense of relief and gratitude that she was retained.

Miss King of the Ninth and Miss Whiting of the High continue much the same line of work with the same or greater success. The work in history, physiology and arithmetic of the Ninth, and English and physical culture of the High deserve special commendation. All the pupils of the High

School now have regular weekly instruction in English.

The remaining one of your teachers, the principal, is kept very busy. Seven classes recite to him in six periods. In other High schools of our size and grade, the principal has several periods to inspect and aid in the other rooms.

This should be his first duty. This year he has absolutely no time and can visit the other classes of the High School only by neglecting his own. This is not a wise arrangement. It is cheaper in money than in results. That the results are as uniformly excellent is due to the hearty co-operation and high sense of duty in each of the assistants. The departmental plan is followed here less than it should be. The Superintendent asked and suggested it. Opposition came from the teachers and their friends in the committee. Two teachers share the work in modern languages, two in ancient, two in history, two in English, four and with Miss King's class in algebra five in higher mathematics. A teacher can develop better methods and secure better results with four classes on one subject than four classes on four different and differing subjects.. Of course the latter plan is narrowing for the teachers. But do the schools exist for the teachers or the teachers for the school? The present plan, the best attainable because of the opposition, is better for the teachers than it is for the teaching or those taught.

One defect, serious, if not checked, resulting from specialization, is to forget the unity of the whole and unduly exalt one part to the selfish harm of other parts or other teachers' duties. I believe in encouraging the teachers in special lines of study. But this specialization by itself unfits them to see in the best light the whole or to find its general laws.

The special work of Mrs. Hosmer in music, and Miss Mason in art, are of the highest order, and their loss would be a serious blow to the schools. I am not in sympathy with the plans urged by some to do away with special instructors in these branches. What are a few dollars saved compared with the moral health of one child? Without their services our schools would be far poorer and drearier.

In general the schools, due to more frequent changes in teachers, the employing of less experienced but cheaper teachers, and the loss of many of the better pupils, are not so good as last year.

The Volunteer Teachers' meetings Monday night at 7:15 are continued this year with increased numbers. The public is cordially welcomed to these discussions at any time. The number of general teachers' meetings has been limited, because two hours and a half of professional study after a day's session in school was found to be too great a tax upon some of the teachers.

In admitting pupils to the High School the committee have adhered without exception to their required per cent.

Not even special students were admitted unless they could pass the easy entrance examination. The reason of this was that these pupils could not pursue the advance studies with profit to themselves or credit to the school unless the foundation was firmly laid.

We have not "driven them upon the streets." Schooling was offered them, aye, urged upon them, but they refused to attend unless we opened to them the grade for which they were *not fitted*.

Dr. Hodge, of the special committee on repairs for the Horace Mann school house, spent a great deal of time in investigating the defects in heating and sanitation, for which the citizens owe him a debt of gratitude. The repairs voted by the citizens at the special town meeting have in the main been accomplished. The present arrangement for sanitation in mild weather is a success, The plan, however, would be more effective if a larger pipe connected the apparatus with the street water main. The heating apparatus is, in mild weather, somewhat more satisfactory; in extremely cold weather less than formerly. Many hours of your Superintendent's time were taken, and great inconvenience to pupils and teachers occasioned by the delays and unfinished work of the Smead Company, and the inefficient men employed by the Johnson Company. Unfortunately the apparatus both for sanitation and regulating the heat has repeatedly frozen

and been made useless at times when most needed. The halls are not warmed by the extra furnace. I doubt in cold weather if they can be by it.

In putting in this new furnace one large beam in the cellar was cut. The front of the building has settled more since that time than ever before, and is, I believe, still settling. Further, the grate in this new furnace is not at all satisfactory.

REPAIRS NEEDED.

The buildings at Unionville and School Street need shingling. Some means of lighting is needed in the last named. In the higher grades it is often necessary to continue the work after school hours. Many days in fall and winter, in the darkening rooms, lasting injury is occasioned to the pupils' eyes.

Both of the furnaces in this building are cracked, and whenever coal is added to the fires the gas escapes into the rooms. This is not safe. We have tried in two ways to repair the defects. New furnaces will soon be needed. The school house at City Mills needs painting, new blackboards and seats. The walls and ceilings are dark with the dust and smoke of years and liable in places to bless the youthful head by a sudden fall.

In two-storied buildings great care should be taken to deaden the floors. At the Horace Mann every foot-fall is now heard in the rooms below; in some places one can even see through the floors. By means of asbestos, cement and air spaces, the floors between the first and second, and second and third stories should be deadened, making them both fireproof and sound-proof. Trusses are needed in the third stories, slate blackboards in more of the rooms, and new and adjustable furniture in rooms nine and eight. Storm windows at the Horace Mann are needed and would make a saving in fuel.

The yards of the schools need further repairs and adornment. If the coming voter of Franklin is to desire improve-

ment and beauty for our town, now is the time to implant that desire.

A kindergarten or sub-primary is needed. It could be established at the Arlington or Nason schools for fifty dollars. The teacher's salary of course would be extra. By teaching at one school in the morning and the other in the afternoon, the same teacher could render double service to the town. In England pupils are often received in school at three years of age; here not till five. In many of our homes where both parents are at work, the children are forced upon the streets. It were better to save the girls and boys by beginning in time than to build prisons later. The intermediate of the Nason school could then be regraded. It is now too large for the best results.

In checking disease and epidemics, it has proved wise economy to have a physician visit each school daily to inspect the pupils. This year we have been free from any serious complaints.

In our crowded villages and city life the home is becoming less and less a vital power. The home instruction is less. Many of the home functions the state should for its preservation assume. If every home were ideal then the elementary school were unnecssary. But homes are not ideal. The increase of club life is still diminishing the home privileges and functions. The state, through its schools, should assume these essentials: household economy, needle-work, manual training and religious instruction. Not that any particular creed should be taught, but these two fundamental ideals: the eminence of God, the Father in nature and the brotherhood of life. Lynn has made a retrograde in banishing the Lord's prayer from the school. The teaching of the Bible is emasculated by the absence of written note or oral comment. We can teach the frailities and immoralities of a Jupiter, but not the righteousness of a Jehovah. We still have the mess of pottage instead of the birthright. Religion strained through defective Sunday school teaching is losing its grip upon the youths. If indifference and atheism in the rising generation is to be met, it must be in the schools by

the broadly cultured and sympathetic teacher.

Parents, what are your children doing out of school hours? Often our best endeavors are rendered void by your thoughtless permission for your child to loiter about the station and other public places with evil companions. A child grows to maturity a part of every one he has met, but alas, the hero of the street corner may be more potent in character building than the teacher.

Where are they at evening? In the West the cry is for the curfew bell for children to return home. Three hundred towns have already adopted it. Is it needed here?

The sessions of the lower grades should be increased to forty weeks. As far as I can learn this plan is followed by all schools of our grade. It is not the plan to increase the amount of work, but to remove the "hurry" and give more time to drill. One parent, whose children have received double promotion, is opposed to it because his child is worked too hard. The remedy for him is to let the child take nine years' work in regular course. Let him attend school for thirty weeks, as the law requires, and rest the other twenty-two But his neighbor's little one could not accomplish forty weeks' work in thirty-six, and so had to review and lose a whole year. The advantages are less hurry, fewer non-promotions and better teachers.

In Cambridge, Mass., it has proved wise to "keep school" for fifty weeks. It is cheaper than reform schools or prisons later.

In promoting pupils and assigning them to schools I have considered the greatest good to the greatest number. This has not been satisfactory to some who failed to see why an exception could not be made in their case. The center of Central street was made the dividing line between Nason and School streets. This year, if one exception had been made, eight others ought to have been. This would have led to much confusion. Therefore it could not be granted. Result of doing one's duty in this case, an enemy! But in this as well as other cases, we suffer more from jealous friends than from open enemies.

THE IDEAL TEACHER.

The topic has been oft mooted but is valuable for us, for thereby the standard may be revealed. Education is defined as "A vast whole of ceaseless labor, which exacts true proportion from beginning to end." Teaching is the adapting of the principles of education to the individual that he may be transformed physically, mentally and morally from a being acting from impulse to one controlled by a rational will. The aim is the development of the just citizen. The best equipped schools, however, must fail to attain this end unless the child, parent and teacher co-operate. The man or woman teaching is more vital than the teacher, yet these personal qualities are necessary: constant self-examination, thoughtfulness, love for children, a good spirit, a good digestion and happy disposition, good discipline and above all, a good moral character. But when to eminent natural ability there shall have been added a certain theoretical knowledge and training derived from professional schools, then the great teacher is produced. What taxpayer would dare to employ a physician who had not studied at a medical college? What pastor could gain or keep a following who knew little of theology and life? Yet the one ministers to the body only in sickness and the other to the spirit directly but an hour a week.

Youths with no, or at best limited, training, are urged upon us. The teacher's function, oftimes the only influence that makes for righteousness in the child, is as important as the above-named. There should be a demand for the same high standard of character and profession at training.

The graduate of a high school or college, with no professional training, is unfit for the whole duty of teaching.

Further, the salaries of a majority of the teachers in town are too small. In the last five years more and more is necessarily asked of the teachers and there has been no general increase. A good spinner in the mills earns larger wages by the week for fifty-two weeks than the average teacher does for thirty-six. The spinner is also freed from

many of our expenses. We are still willing to pay more for a dressmaker or milliner to adorn the mere body that perishes, than for the teacher. Is this wise? We are treated by the great body politic as a man treats his stomach. The material more or less prepared is sent to us. No thought is given to our toil and difficulty as long as everything goes smoothly. Let some obstruction occur and listen to the outcry of this same heedless body politic. Come, visit us, inspect early and often on other times than Parents' Day.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. DANIELS, A. M.

SCHOOL STREET SCHOOL.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Committee:

In compliance with the request of the Superintendent of Schools, I herewith present for your consideration, the following report of the School Street School.

In reviewing the work of the year I think I may say that the condition of our classes is, on the whole, satisfactory. However, when I say this, I do not wish to convey the impression that we are entirely satisfied with the work. It is hardly the duty of a teacher to be satisfied; she should always be vigilant to discover some means of improving the classes under her charge.

We are still pursuing the departmental plan of instruction. This method of teaching has resulted in a better classification in all the grades. Children who are able to do the work in less time than the majority, are given the opportunity for special advancement. Five pupils have had double pro-

motion during the year. Most of them have justified the action by their subsequent standing.

In this report I shall not attempt to give a detailed account of the progress made in the numerous studies in each grade. The special work in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades is farther advanced this year than at the corresponding time last year.

Drill is necessary for the formation of right habits and for the acquisition of skill in certain work. The school weeks should be increased to forty per year in all the grades. The additional four weeks would then provide the time for the necessary drill, and give an opportunity to complete thoroughly the amount of work mapped out for us in our course of study. I think I express the sentiment of all the teachers when I plead for forty weeks for the ensuing school year.

Owing to your generosity the departments are well supplied with text books. An equipment in the way of reference books is lacking. The unabriged dictionaries are old and almost useless, and ought to be replaced by new ones.

Permit me to call attention to the defective condition of the furnaces in the School Street building. Both teachers and pupils have been greatly disturbed by the odor of coal gas in the school room. In my opinion the furnaces are worthless, and new ones should be substituted. If we wish bright and active work from the pupils, the the atmosphere in which they prepare their lessons should be favorable to health.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL M. REILLY.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

The Supervisor of Music in the Public Schools would present the following report:—

The work during the past year has been successfully developed in the different grades.

Last Decoration Day an informal exhibition was given in the High School room. Pupils from the different classes represented the varied forms of music to invited guests. The sight reading displayed great care and thoughtfulness; the little ones pleased all by their eagerness to sing alone. Members of Post 60, G. A. R , made the customary remarks for the day and expressed pleasure and interest in the beautiful study.

June 18th there was a successful exhibition of written work by different grades, showing a new feature of public school work—the transposition of music.

The musical programme of the graduating exercises was given in the Opera House by members of the High School. At present the members of this school are gaining in texture of voice, which for a few years past has not been equal to that of previous years.

Individual work is encouraged, as usual, and the teachers are delighted that the pupils often see the problems in the different exercises.

The quality of tone used by the children has been given special attention, and a gain in purity is noticeable. Scale practice has been a regular study and drill, as the foundation of tone interval depends much upon this one principle. Grading of work has been a constant study, and in nearly all classes a gain has been made, the ninth grade holding its own and doing the most careful work.

Music in the schools has been elevating to the pupils, and from its study we are beginning to see some of it in our daily life.

It gives me great pleasure to find better readers, as it is one important point in holding a church position. There has been better attendance during the past year and a gain in reading in the primary classes.

The selections for the special days are usually memorized. A programme is prepared for Longfellow Day, Washington's Birthday, etc., for the present year, thus making it

more uniform in all grades. The books have been carefully inspected, new supplies have been added whenever required.

I do heartily thank the teachers for their untiring assistance in aiding their classes, since I know much of the success is due to them. I see little unpleasantness in their work, and many times I am surprised by even greater development than I might expect.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LIZZIE TREEN HOSMER.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

As commonly taught in our schools, drawing is considered from three standpoints. The representative, the most important, training the eye and hand; the constructive, testing the reasoning powers and creative faculty, besides skill of hand; and the decorative, testing the originality of the pupil, and his appreciation of beauty.

The work as exhibited last June showed these three features. Under representation we have free-hand sketches, beginning in the primaries with simple type forms, which increase in difficulty of form and position as the grades advance, and which include the elements of free-hand perspective. Some of the drawings in the fourth and fifth grades were well studied in this respect. Sketches of familiar objects were made in all the grades, and also of leaves and flowers. I think the blackboard work in the ninth grade deserves praise, especially as most of it was from nature.

Construction includes clay modeling, paper folding, etc., in the lower grades, and in the higher the making from cardboard of type forms which are then used as models from which to draw.

In decoration designs for prints, cambrics, borders,

book-covers, etc., are made, some in colored paper or water colors.

The primaries made quite an evident gain during the year, as shown by the entering class in the fourth grade. Of the Union schools, Miss Ellis has brought me the best work; some very good. The sixth grade, during the past year, did very little work, and that poorly, but are trying to recover themselves. Of course, however, it injures the seventh grade this year. The freshmen and sophomores have just been taking elementary perspective, which I hope they may use later in out-door sketching. The charcoal work of the '97 senior class was very satisfactory, as were some of their home drawings and rapid sketches from life.

The general criticism upon all the drawing is that the free-hand work is inferior to the mechanical. The pupil is too carless to find what he really sees before he draws it, and too indolent to criticise it afterwards. I know that it is harder and requires more practice, but it is also more important.

A special teachers' class in drawing was held nearly every Friday during the last half-year. I wish to thank the teachers for their willing and earnest work in that as in all other things.

Respectfully submitted,

ADRA R. MASON.

Franklin, Mass., Jan. 25, 1898.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR CLOSING JAN. 31, 1898.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Whole Number of Pupils Enrolled.	Average Number of Pupils belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Visitors.
High.....	E. D. Daniels.....	80	68.4	64.1	93.6	28	17
"	Grace C. Whiting.....						
"	A. Fannie O'Hara.....						
"	*Elizabeth Shaw.						
High Gram. 1	Frances E. King.....	34	31.4	29.7	94.4	7	29
" " 2	*Florent Whitmore.....	39	37.4	35.9	96	39	28
Sub-Gram. 1	Isabel M. Reilly.....	50	39.4	36.7	93.3	9	78
" 2	*Charles F. Frazer	41	36.2	33.7	93.2	16	56
Intermediate 1	*Lizzie D. Farrell.....	45	42.3	40.1	94.8	22	62
" 2	*Barbara E. Vogler.....	48	45.7	42.3	92.4	55	34
Primary 1	Rebecca Dunning.....	62	35.7	33.9	95	47	156
" 2	*Bertha Hood.....	60	36.2	33.1	91.5	69	74
" 3	Annie B. Bright..... ...	65	39.8	37.8	95	23	82
" 4	Emily F. Morse.....	57	42	38	91.9	53	53
" 5	Lucy E. Tower.....	57	32.9	29.2	88.6	38	50
City Mills.....	*Pearl Jacobs.....	24	21.2	19.1	90.3	4	36
Populatic.....	*Mabel H. Perry.....	23	17.5	14.9	84.9	35	36
Unionville.....	*Bertha E. Ellis.....	29	21.8	20.3	92.8	9	86
	Total for 1897-8.....	714	547.9	508.8	92.5	454	877
	Totals for 1896-7.....	719	586.6	533.7	90.9	650	1062
	Totals for 1895-6.....	716	558.7	510.6	91.3	801	817
	Totals for 1894-5.....	736	560.17	510.52	90.4	782	747
	Totals for 1893-4..... . .	938	660.8	559.8	90.3	1339	630
	Totals for 1892-3.....	883	752.2	681.7	90.6	2194	1020
	Special Instructors						
	Mrs. Lizzie Treen Hosmer	Music					
	Miss Adra R. Mason.....	Art					
Districts Transported.	*Drivers.*						
Mount.....	Alfred F. Everett.....						
North Franklin..	Ed. P. Proctor.....						
South Franklin...	John H. Tyler.....						

* For only a portion of the school year.

COMPARISON OF FRANKLIN WITH NEIGHBORING TOWNS. 1896-7.

NAME OF TOWNS.	VALUATION.	Population, State Census 1895.	Number of all Pupils of all Ages in Public Schools.	Number of Children Between 5 and 15 in Public Schools.	Amount Expended for all School Purposes.	Amount raised by taxation and Expended for schools, including wages, transportation, fuel, care of fires and school rooms.	Percent. of valuation appropriated to public schools, equivalent to mills and hundredths of mills.	Sum appropriated by town for each child between 5 and 15 years
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Bellingham	$ 727,115	1481	314	276	$ 8357 57	$ 3736 85	005.64	$14.862
Franklin	2,928,825	5136	719	798	14757 45	11263 16	003.84	14.114
Hyde Park	9,007,095	11826	2054	2221	4343 92	35827 53	003.97	16.131
Medway	1,433,130	2913	634	463	10330 61	4371 90	005.58	17.278
Milford	5,429,517	8959	1576	1459	27062 18	20921 62	003.85	14.339
Nortolk	515,138	882	155	151	4401 62	2559 20	004.96	16.948
Norwood	3,519,900	4572	976	841	21124 96	15160 98	004.30	18.038
Walpole	2,294,461	2994	601	499	19609 64	9748 39	004.42	20.354
Wrentham	1,474,604	2584	585	469	11403 65	8650 00	006.16	19.394

Deductions from the Above Table.

Milford is added to the list because it is a near neighbor. It did not seem wise to print these statistics for the twenty-seven towns in the county. Franklin differs from Dedham, Stoughton, Needham and Braintree in "per cent. of valuation appropriated to public schools" by only one-tenth of a mill (.0001). Milton, Sharon and Brookline were omitted because of their great wealth and different social conditions.

By columns H and I of the above table, Franklin, one of the richer towns in this neighborhood, has the least per cent. of valuation appropriated to public schools and also appropriates *least* for pupils between the ages of five and fifteen of any of the nine, their average being $16.828.

If our pupils cost only the average expense of these nine, $16.828 x 798 = 13428.74, added to expense for repairs, books, sundries, supervising, clerk of committee, 3494.29 = $16923.03 less amounts received from state, dog license and tuition, .973.27 = $15949.76, the AMOUNT NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXING FRANKLIN PEOPLE if we paid the average of these nine towns, or at the rate of Walpole, $20.354, $18763. 51; or at the rate of the average cost per pupil in Massachusetts, $21.17. $19614.68.

Our schools are far better than the average school in Massachusetts. Thus for $14757.45 we are doing that which throughout the state would cost $19614,68 in like amount, a saving of nearly $5000.00, i. e., $7.06 cheaper for each child between five and fifteen in Franklin than the state average, while the average cost estimated on average membership is $25.10 in Massachusetts schools.

PROGRAMME OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, CLASS OF '97.

March—"Class of '97, . . . *C. A. G. Hutchinson*
Edith M. Guild.

Chorus—"A Summer Day," . . . *J. J. McCabe*
Prayer—Rev. C. W. Longren.

Chorus—"Ever Singing" (Bird Song) . . *Swabian Air*

Salutatory and Introduction of the Orator,
Catherine L. Healy.

Address—"The Schools of Massachusetts."
Hon. A. S. Roe.

Valedictory, with Instrumental Solo.
C. A. G. Hutchinson.

Chorus—"In the Forest," . . . . *Mendelssohn*

Presentation of Diplomas, by Dr. George E. King.

Chorus—"In a Gondola," . . . *W. W. Caldwell*

Benediction—Rev. C. W. Longren.

"*Qui Laborat Vincit.*"

GRADUATES—CLASSICAL COURSE.

*Charles Archibald Grosvenor Hutchinson, *Mary Elsie Bright,
*Catherine Loretta Healy.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Edith Nellie Daniels, Viola May Louisa Ellis, Carl Benjamin Emerson, Mabel Anna Gilmore.

PARTIAL COURSE.

Edwin Ray Lewis.

*Magna cum laude.

Mary E. Bright, student at Mt. Holyoke; Edith Nellie Daniels, Normal Art school, Boston; Viola W. L. Ellis, in Pawtucket; Carl B. Emerson, post graduate student High school; Mabel A. Gilmore, at home; Catherine L. Healy, at home; Charles A. G. Hutchinson, student of music; Edwin Ray Lewis, student Boston Medical college.

Reports of Town Officers.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen organized by the election of Chas. F. Nye as chairman. Nelson E. Newell was reappointed secretary.

The road department was thoroughly reorganized and Chas. S. Rand was appointed Superintendent of Streets. He has filled the position to the satisfaction of the board, and, we believe, the public also.

Late in the summer a road roller was purchased at a cost of $195.00, and it has already proved of great benefit in the work of the department.

The cost of building concrete gutters and cross-walks amounted to $357.00, which is somewhat higher than usual, but in the judgment of this board, money so expended is a great help in keeping such streets in good condition, and in the absence of sewers, in taking care quickly of surface water.

The rain fall during June, 1897, was extremely heavy, causing great damage to many streets, and the cost of repairs during that period was unusually large.

In estimating the necessary road appropriation for 1898, the board have taken into particular consideration the condition of Dean avenue, Central street, (from railroad bridge to corner Union); Emmons and Union streets (from railroad crossing to Washington street).

We believe the amount appropriated the past year is insufficient to properly care for the one hundred or more miles

of road in this town, and if a like amount is again appropriated, the general condition of our roads must deteriorate and necessitate much larger appropriations in the years to come.

The resignation of S. W. Nickerson as Day Police and Liquor Officer was received and accepted by the board in October, and Night Officer Connor was transferred to the vacancy. We have watched this officer's work carefully and believe that he has performed the duties in a satisfactory manner.

Special Officer Redpath was assigned to regular duty, and his services as Night Officer have met with our approval.

The money used on the streets during the year was expended as follows:

On King	Street,	$238 18
East	"	25 00
Peck	"	100 37
Central	"	304 95
Union	"	123 20
Main	"	510 70
School	"	80 00
Dean	"	118 80
Cross	"	24 00
Alpine	"	30 00
Pleasant	"	30 00
Church	"	61 75
Beaver	"	31 50
Chestnut	"	103 00
Worsted	"	26 25
Wachusett	"	44 00
Maple	"	111 50
Winter	"	233 00
Cottage	"	24 00
Pond	"	52 00
Washington		153 80
Pine	"	15 00
Oak	"	28 00

Bent "	12 00
Forest "	30 00
Prospect "	15 00
Howard "	30 00
Summer "	452 00
Concreting gutters,	356 64
Horse cart,	25 00
Painting barn,	18 29
Tools and repairs,	56 83
Gravel,	56 75
Posts and lumber,	28 50
Blacksmith's bills,	154 98
Hay and grain,	305 14
Snow bills, February and March, '97,	59 41
Tools, drain pipe, etc.,	65 10
Road roller,	195 00
General repairs and expenses,	1,468 42
Total,	$5,799 06

The following estimates for the current expenses of the town for the coming fiscal year is respectfully submitted.

For support of schools, as estimated by the School Committee	$13,500 00
Repairs of roads, bridges and walks,	7,000 00
Support of poor,	5,000 00
Fire department,	2,500 00
Water supply,	4,100 00
Street lights,	3,700 00
Abatement and collection of taxes,	1,000 00
Town debt,	2,200 00
Interest,	1,500 00
Town officers,	1,500 00
Printing and stationery,	350 00
Police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic	1,500 00
State and military aid,	500 00
Soldiers' relief,	600 00
Public Library,	700 00

Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
Miscellaneous,	700 00
Total,	$46,450 00

CHARLES F. NYE,
GEO. P. MASON,
JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM,
Selectmen of Franklin.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors met and organized March 22, 1897, and made choice of William Rockwood to serve as chairman and J. O. Chilson as secretary. They have attended to their duties as follows:

Valuation of personal property,	$ 508,755 00
" buildings,	1,541,875 00
" land,	864,810 00
" resident bank stock,	131,670 00
	$2,915,440 00
Number of polls,	1,233
Rate of taxation per $1000,	$ 14 80
State tax,	2,100 00
County tax,	2,943 47
Town grant, less corporation tax,	39,837 25
Number of houses,	998
" horses,	577
" cows,	620
" swine,	111

ABATEMENTS :

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ABATEMENTS WITH CAUSES.

List of 1894. Abated January 24. 1898.

Baker, Geo. B., poor, Main st.,	$4 00
Bennett, F. M. & Co., bankrupt,	6 80
Bennett, Henry C., poor, Summer st.,	2 00
Hutchinson, paid,	2 00
Burke, Thomas F., gone,	2 00
Brown, Wm. M., gone, Beech st.,	2 00
Craig, Charles B.,	2 00
Connors, James H., gone, Union st.,	2 00
Daniels, Ernest E., gone, Ruggles st.,	2 00
Duprez, Joseph H., poor,	2 00
Darling, Nathan E., gone, Main st.,	2 00
Folger, Howard J., insolvent, Union st.,	11 20
Farley, David, gone, Cottage st.,	2 00
Finley, Arthur L., gone, Summer st.,	2 00
Fitzgerald, Patrick, poor, Union st.,	2 00
Gilroy, James J., gone, Main st.,	2 00
Glenn, Edwin, gone, Dean av.,	2 00
Hastings, Thomas H., gone, Central st.,	2 00
Jennison, Fred C., gone, Chestnut st.,	2 00
Johnson, George, gone, East st.,	2 00
Jordan, Henry L., gone, Central st.,	2 00
Jordan, Frank A., gone, Jordan st.,	2 00
Joyce, Thomas, gone, Fisher st.,	2 00
Kane, Timothy E., gone, Alpine pl.,	2 00
Maguire, Frank, non-resident, Pleasant st.,	2 00
Manning, James E., gone, Dean av.,	2 00
Maroney, John H., gone, Central st.,	2 00
McCauley, John, gone,	2 00
McCauley, Wm. H., gone, Emmons st.,	2 00
McWilliams, George H., gone, McCarthy st.,	2 00
O'Connell, Michael, gone, Ray row,	2 00
Ryan, Martin, gone,	2 40
Redpath, Andrew, gone, Oak st.,	2 00
Reardon, James, gone, East st.,	2 00

Robinson, Squire, gone, Alpine st.,	2 00
Shea, Daniel T., gone, Hutchinson st.,	2 00
Stratton, George B., gone, Pond st.,	2 00
Sullivan, Thomas H., gone, Alpine st.,	2 00
Sweet, L. H., gone, Crescent st.,	2 00
Willard, Emory E., Cross st.,	2 00
Welch, Thomas, School st. ex.,	2 00
Kimball, Henry B., over-valuation,	11 60
Harris, Joseph and Annie, City Mills,	50
Haslam, Hattie B.,	50
Thayer, Kate,	50
Streeter, Ruth R.,	50
Cody, George E., gone,	2 00
Enegren, Wm. L., poor,	2 00
	$114.00

Abatements With Causes. List of 1895.

Ackley, Fred L., gone.	$ 2 00
Ackley, Marshall E., gone,	2 00
Abbott, E. C., personal over value,	1 40
Andrews, Marvin, gone,	2 00
Bennett, F. M. & Henry C., bankrupt,	8 65
Bishop, Alexander T., over value piano,	78
Brink, William F., gone,	3 16
Baker, Geo. B., poor,	3 94
Baker, Edward, gone,	2 00
Bassett, Samuel, gone,	2 00
Barry, Thomas F., gone,	2 00
Baxter, William, old age,	2 00
Beboult, Ablard, gone,	2 00
Briggs, Darwin T., dead,	2 00
Briggs, M. P., gone,	2 00
Brittan, Emory P., dead,	2 00
Boucher, Augustus, gone,	2 00
Brown, Willie, gone,	2 00
Brown, Edward, poor,	2 00

Brown, Frank W., gone,	2 00
Burke, Thomas F., gone,	2 00
Burns, Clifford, gone,	2 00
Byrnes, John W., gone,	2 00
Byrnes, Edwin, gone,	2 00
Cochrane, Henry J., gone,	2 47
Crocker, John D., personal, non-resident,	2 95
Campbell, Samuel, gone	2 00
Craig, Charles B., poor,	2 00
Canney, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Cataldo, Michael, gone,	2 00
Chase, Wm. E., gone,	2 00
Church, Fayette H., gone,	2 00
Clark, Charles E., sick,	2 00
Collins, Michael, gone,	2 00
Cogan, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Cody, George E., gone,	2 00
Conway, James T., gone,	2 00
Albertine, William G., gone,	2 39
James H. Connors, gone,	2 00
Cook, John S., gone,	2 00
Connell, Jeremiah F., gone,	2 00
Costello, Michael, gone,	2 00
Cook, Wellington, gone,	2 00
Coughlin, Jeremiah, gone,	2 00
Crosby, Gordon R., gone,	2 00
Curry, Andrew H., gone,	2 00
Curran, Cornelius, non-resident,	2 00
Craston, John, gone,	2 00
Davignor, J. P., gone,	2 78
Douglas, Forest M., non-resident,	2 00
Daniels, Ernest E., gone,	2 00
Donahue, Thomas A., gone,	2 00
Dorris, Joseph, gone,	2 00
Dorrington, Wm., gone,	2 00
Dumas, James A., gone,	2 00
Duprez, Joseph H., poor,	2 00
Duprez, Julien, gone,	2 00

Easterbrook, John H., gone,	2 00
English, Gibbons, gone,	2 00
Enegren, Wm. L., gone,	2 00
Erickson, Paul J., gone,	2 00
Folger, Howard J., insolvent,	11 69
Follett, Walter A., insolvent,	6 73
Fanning, Wm., gone,	2 00
Fish, Willard, H., gone,	2 00
Fitzgerald, Patrick, poor,	2 00
Fiorani, Fernicia, poor,	2 00
Fleming, John A., gone,	2 00
Foster, Arthur, gone,	2 00
Fraher, Thomas P., gone,	2 00
Ferguson, Samuel G., gone,	2 00
George, Frank E., non-resident,	2 41
Gilroy, John E., gone,	2 00
Galaney, Charles, gone,	2 00
Garriepy, George, gone,	2 00
Ganey, James P., gone,	2 00
Garrity, James E., gone,	2 00
Gibson, George C., poor,	2 00
Gilroy, James J., gone,	2 00
Gilroy, Henry L., gone,	2 00
Gillhooly, James E., gone,	2 00
Gilmore, Wm., gone,	2 00
Girard, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Gladding, Charles P., gone,	2 00
Glenn, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Glenn, Edwin, gone,	2 00
Gordon, George, gone,	2 00
Grady, James, gone,	2 00
Graham, James, gone,	2 00
Gurney, James, gone,	2 00
Gargist, Charles, gone,	2 00
Harris, Joseph T., gone, personal and poll,	3 16
Hanlon, Wm. J., gone,	2 00
Harding, T. C., gone,	2 00
Healy, John T., dead,	2 00

Hopkins, George F., gone,	2 00
Hunter, Harvey, gone,	2 00
Hutchinson, John F., gone, Garfield st.,	2 00
Jennison, Fred E., gone,	2 78
Jenks, Eleazer P., gone,	2 00
Joyce, Thomas F., gone,	2 00
Jordan, Oliver A., gone,	2 00
Jordan, Frank A., gone,	2 00
Jordan, Wm., gone,	2 00
Joslyn, Henry C., gone,	2 00
Kane, Timothy E., gone,	2 00
Keating, Michael, gone,	2 00
Keach, Jesse, gone,	2 00
Kenney, Wm., gone,	2 00
Kenney, John J., gone, Fisher st.,	2 00
Kennedy, Patrick, gone, Cottage st.,	2 00
Kent, Homer J., gone,	2 00
Keough, Patrick, gone,	2 00
Krensen, Lewis W., gone,	2 00
Long, Jeremiah F., gone,	3 55
Lynds, Charles W., over valuation, Crocker av.,	39
Lane, Jacob W., gone,	2 00
Laporte, Joseph, gone,	2 00
Laundry, John M., gone,	2 00
Laundry, Emile, gone,	2 00
Laundry, Arthur, gone,	2 00
Lewis, John, gone,	2 00
Lincoln, Daniel C., gone,	2 00
Lovering, Anie, gone,	2 10
Lundborn, John A., gone,	2 00
Macy, Edward L., gone,	2 62
Munroe, James, gone,	2 85
Madden, John, gone,	2 00
Manning, James E., gone,	2 00
Martin, Joseph, gone,	2 00
McCabe, Phillip, gone,	2 00
Macauly, Wm. H., gone,	2 00
McConnell, James W., gone,	2 00

McCormick, Wm. F. & John P., gone,	4 00
	$298 80

FEMALE TAX LIST FOR 1895.

Abated January 24, 1898.

Adams, Cora F.,	50
Bennett, Annie M.,	50
Burr, Mary J.,	50
Bright, Agnes T.,	50
Haslam, Hattie B.,	50
Hamlin, Sadie A.,	50
Hartshorn, Margaret J.,	50
Hartshorn, May,	50
Desorgher, May,	50
Jagger, Dollie W.,	50
King, Abbie E.,	50
King, Lucy M.,	50
Streeter, Ruth R.,	50
Monroe, Elizabeth M.,	50
Milliken, Eleanor O.,	50
White, Mrs. Charlotte P.,	50
Wiggin, Mary A.,	50
	$8 50

Abated January 24, 1898.

Taft, Alfred, gone,	2 00
Thayer, Harvey S., gone,	2 00
Tobin, John, gone,	2 00
Tigue, Edward, gone,	2 00
Tigue, Patrick, gone,	2 00
Tyler, Edwin, gone,	2 00
Wheeler, Frank G., gone,	6 65
Walsh, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Walker, John L., gone,	2 00
Warner, Charles F., gone,	2 00

Watkins, Henry A., poor,	2 00
Webster, Thomas R., gone,	2 00
Wedge, Peter, gone,	2 00
Welsh, Wm. F., gone,	2 00
White, Thomas J., gone,	2 00
Williams, Alonzo, gone,	2 00
Woodward, Israel T., gone,	2 00
Whitney, Alton C., gone,	2 71
Young, Wm. S., old,	2 00
Harris, Joseph and Annie, abated,	50
	$43 86

Abated January 24, 1898.

McConkey, John S., gone,	2 00
McDonnell, Matthew, gone.	2 00
McKinnon, Edward, gone,	2 00
McMasters, Wm. H., gone,	2 00
McParland, Frank A., gone.	2 00
McWilliams, George H., gone,	2 00
Moody, Joseph L., gone,	2 00
Moran, John F., gone,	2 00
Monroe, Albert, gone,	2 00
Morrison, John, gone,	2 00
Murphy, Cornelius, gone,	2 00
Murphy, Felix, gone,	2 00
McCarthy, John P., gone,	2 00
Nash, Alfred, gone,	78
Nones, John E., gone.	2 78
Newell, Edward J., dead,	2 00
Nickerson, Wm. S., in jail,	2 00
Nourse, Albert, gone,	2 00
Nourse, Herbert, gone,	2 00
Nichols, Lewis, gone,	2 00
O'Brien, Thomas, gone,	2 00
O'Connell, Michael, gone,	2 00
O'Donnell, John, old,	2 00
Pendleton, Elmer B., gone,	2 00

Perkins, James, gone,	2 50
Patten, Henry, gone,	2 00
Parisseau, Peter, in jail,	2 00
Parisseau, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Perry, Cyril, gone,	2 00
Perry, George, gone,	2 00
Redpath, Andrew, gone,	2 78
Rogers, Bernard, non-resident,	3 16
Round, George A., gone,	3 42
Regan, Martin, gone,	39
Reagan Patrick, dead,	2 00
Richards, Sanford, gone,	2 00
Robinson, Squire, gone,	2 00
Rogers, Warren gone,	2 00
Spaulding, L. H., non resident,	2 00
Stenchfield, Samuel, gone,	2 00
Sullivan, Daniel E., gone,	2 00
Sullivan, Eugene, gone,	2 00
Sullivan, Charles F., gone,	2 00
Sullivan, John C., gone,	2 00
Sullivan, Alexander, gone,	2 00
Sullivan, Thomas H., gone,	2 00
Scott, Henry, gone,	2 00
Sheehan, Michael, gone,	2 00
Shimonian, Peter, gone,	2 00
Sheldon, Walter B., gone,	2 00
Shelley, Thomas, gone,	2 00
Shields, Patrick, gone,	2 00
Smith, Henry A., gone,	2 00
Stebbins, Justus, gone,	2 00
Stratton, George B., gone,	2 00
Snow, Herbert C., gone,	2 00
Sweet, Lyman H., gone,	2 00
Tarbox, Fred A., non-resident,	2 00
Thain, Wm. A., gone,	2 78
Towne, Lyman H., dead,	2 00
	$62 53

Abatements with causes.—1897.

Feb. 27, Martin Kelley, organ, didn't own, 1896,	$	90
Feb. 27, Heirs of Timothy Kane, poor and sick, 1895,	7	75
Mar. 27, '97, Milford N. Shorey, over value, photo saloon,	3	60
Mar. 27, '97, Thomas F. Connolly, taxed twice, 1895-1896,	10	05
May 4, '97, Geo. M. Wise, real estate, did not own, tax 1896, rebate,	2	16
May 4, '97, Jas. and Annie Harris, Norfolk, over value, tax 1896,		36
May 11, '97, Joseph M. Whiting, taxed twice, tax 1896,	3	60
May 22, '97, Bliss and Eliza Cook, over value, tax 1896,	2	25
May 14, '97, M. F. McCarty, rebate $4 60, over value, tax 1896,	4	60
May 14, '97, Mrs. N. Willet, abated, sick and needy, tax 1896,	9	00
May 29, '97, Fred E Davis, broken hip, polls 1895-1896,	4	00
June 1, William J. Stewart, tax 1896, piano, did not own.		90
July 31, Chas. M. Aldrich, 1896, poll tax,	2	00
Henry Colgan, tax 1895, real estate, taxed twice,	6	20
James Cullen, poll 1897, old age,	2	00
Daniel Lamont, real estate, 1896, did not own,	1	80
D. O. Corbin, soldier's expt. tax, 1897,	29	60
Patrick J. Collin, over value, 1897,		51
Hiram F. Metcalf, poll and personal, 1897,	4	22
Thomas J. Daniels, over value, 1897,	2	00
Gustavus C. Crossman, poll and personal estate, 1897, dead,	3	92
Lydia A. Richardson, over value real estate, 1897,	2	96
Boston Rubber Co., over value, 1897,	29	60
Elizabeth Noyes, exempt tax, 1897,	7	40

Lewis Perry, poll 1895,	2 00
James Burns, poll tax 1896, poor,	1 00
Samuel B. Fisk, personal tax, 1896, poor,	18
John and Mary Fitzgerald, poll and personal, 1896, gone,	3 17
William A. Fay, poll and personal, 1896, gone,	2 00
E. F. Hartman, reassessed personal estate, 1896,	2 70
E. F. Hartman, reassessed, personal estate, 1897,	1 85
Fred E. Mann, poll tax, 1896, poor,	2 00
Daniel McParland, poll tax, 1896, gone,	2 00
Peter McMann, poll tax, 1896, poor,	2 00
Frank O'Connor, poll tax, 1896, gone,	2 00
Wyman and Leah Roodman, personal estate, 1896, gone,	4 50
Warren Rogers, poll tax, 1896, gone,	2 00
Charles Warren, poll tax, 1896, gone,	2 00
Margaret McIntee, estate, 1896, taxed twice,	12 60
Alexander Wylie, estate, 1896, over value,	2 43
Robert B. Stewart, reassessed estate, 1896,	41 40
Alfred D. Whiting, reassessed estate, 1896, taxed twice,	7 20
Alfred D. Whiting, reassessed estate, 1897, taxed twice,	5 92
Alfred D. Whiting, 1895, taxed twice,	6 20
Henry F. Brown, non resident, 1896, poll,	2 00
Arthur E. Rogers, poll and personal estate, 1896,	2 90
Andrew Redpath, poll, 1896, gone,	2 00
William Brown, poll, 1896, gone,	2 00
William A. Page, polls, 1894 and 1895, poor,	4 00
Fred E. Mann, polls, 1894 and 1895, poor,	4 00
Peter McMann, poll, 1894, poor,	2 00
Robert B. Stewart, reassessed, 1894,	36 80
Martha Stewart,	

Robert B. Stewart, reassessed, 1895, Martha Stewart	35 65
	$337 88

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
JAMES O. CHILSON,
E. P. CHAPMAN,
Assessors of Franklin.

Feb. 1, 1898.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Engineers of the Fire Department submit the following report:

Appropriated,	$2,500 00
Expended,	2,206 70

FIRES.

June 28—A. Haggart's house; Central street; alarm at 10 p. m., from No. 8; cause unknown; insured.

Feb. 10—Waite's mill; picker room; alarm at 8 a. m., from No. 8; slight damage.

Feb. 12—Waite's tenement house; Alpine place; occupied by M. Sullivan; from No. 8; cause, oil stove; damage slight.

Mar. 24—Henry Thomas' house; Chestnut street; alarm at 6 a. m., from No. 8; cause unknown; insured.

July 19—Charles Ackley's house; North Franklin; Medway alarm at 1.30 a. m.; total loss; cause unknown.

Oct. 2—Crescent House stable; alarm at 4.30 p. m., from No. 43; cause, overheated stove; insured.

Oct. 2—Jordan's barber shop; Central street; alarm at 12.30 a. m., from No. 8; cause unknown; damage slight.

Oct. 12—J. W. M. Jones' house; Elm street; 11.30 a. m.; Medway alarm; cause, defective chimney; insured.

Oct. 17—C. J. Davis' house; Green street; alarm at 11.30, from No. 24; cause unknown; damage slight; insured.

Nov. 11—Thayer's mill; alarm at 4 p. m., from No. 24; damage slight; insured.

Nov. 21—Bridget Donovan's house; Pond street; alarm; cause unknown; total loss; insured.

Jan. 8—J. Dolan's wood shed, on Caryville road; alarm at Caryville at 12.30 a. m.; cause unknown.

Dec. 14—Rogers' hay shed; Medway road; alarm at 11 a. m., from No. 41; no insurance.

Jan. 14—Leonard Brown's house; Pond street; alarm at 11.10 a. m., from No. 41; cause unknown; total loss; insured.

Feb. 5—N. Daniels' cider mill; no alarm; 10.30 p. m.; total loss; insured.

Your department consists of five engineers, two engine companies, two hose companies, one hook and ladder company.

We have put shafts and a seat on the four-wheel hose carriage, which is kept for reserve in hose house on Cottage street.

We have added three alarm boxes, which makes eight in all.

We recommend twenty-five hundred dollars for the department.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS,
G. I. PECK, Clerk.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Board presents the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898:

Appropriated,	$4,000 00	
Expended,	5,224 50	
Overdrawn,	738 29	
Bills on hand not paid,	325 00	
Due from other towns and State,		$368 97
Bills due Superintendent of Almshouse,		59 70
From State for cattle,		105 00
Total,		$533 67

We have aided 163 persons the past year. Of this number 15 were in our almshouse, 4 insane, 26 settled in other towns, 20 in State, 117 are settled in Franklin, an increase of 38 from last year in Franklin. Last year the town voted only $4,000, which is not enough to take care of our poor. We would recommend the sum of $5,000 for the coming year.

The expense at the farm has been heavy owing to the fact that we have built a silo, added wagons, farming tools and cattle. The silo has been a great saving, as we have 15 tons of hay and 30 tons of ensilage on hand at the present time.

The management of the farm under Mr. and Mrs. Stone's supervision, both inside and out, has been very satisfactory. Much interest has been manifested in each department.

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	*Age.*	*Weeks.*
George Daniels,	55	52
Levi C. Fisher,	88	52
*Daniel Green,	92	8
J. W. McPherson,	34	52
Charles A. Clark,	84	52

Mary A. Gillany,	36	52
*Catherine Riley,	63	35
*Mary Lynch,	—	19
Anna Grant,	19	30
George Miller,	38	11
Myrtle Grant,	21	9
Mrs. John Sexton,	—	13
Chas. Clark,	53	2
Mrs. Charles Clark.	49	2
Superintendent's family,		
House servant, nurse for Grant girl,		
Hired men and tramps, total,		324
P. A. Holbrook (boarder),		52
Total number of weeks,		765

*Deceased.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. EMERSON,
S Y. REED,
HIRAM WHITING,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

FRANKLIN, MASS , February 8, 1898.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN:

Your Board of Health, in presenting its report for the year, takes pleasure in saying that the number of complaints brought before the Board has been less than usual. Seven complaints have been made in proper form to this Board during the past year. In one of these cases the remedy for the conditions complained of did not seem to be within the

province of this Board, but to be a case for a court of law. Of the remaining cases one seemed to demand that the evil complained of should be immediately abated by this Board at the expense of the town, which was done. The others required action on the part of proprietors, and in all these cases the requirements of this Board were very promptly complied with.

A considerable improvement in the sanitary condition of the town has been undertaken in the clearing and deepening of Mine Brook, from the Singleton Mill, through the Morse estate, and up to a point near the foundry, the stream having been lowered a foot and a half under the bridges in that vicinity. This work was interrupted by the cold weather, but should be continued as soon as the spring is sufficiently advanced, until the stream above the points mentioned has been lowered and cleared sufficiently to secure a flowing away of the water of the brook. Two undertaker's licenses and one slaughter house license have been issued by this Board during the year.

There have been fewer cases of contagious diseases and fewer fatal results from such diseases than usual the past year. The cases reported to this Board, as required by law, have been as follows;

Measles, 7; scarlet fever, 4; diphtheria, 3; total, 14. The report of the Inspector of Animals, appointed by the Selectmen, is appended hereto.

The people of Franklin are again reminded that Franklin can be made a healthful town to live in only by securing some efficient system of sewerage. Malarial diseases are prevalent in every part of the town. Conditions exist which are a perpetual menace to the public health, and no endeavor short of good sewerage can remove them.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN,
DWIGHT M. HODGE,
WM. H. COLBY,
Board of Health.

FRANKLIN, MASS., Feb. 4, 1898.

TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, TOWN OF FRANKLIN:

I would report 36 animals quarantined. Of these, 12 were released, 23 slaughtered, one died.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. F. KING.

REPORT OF LIQUOR OFFICER.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I was appointed liquor officer Oct 14, 1897. Have sworn out 5 search warrants and found liquor at three places. Made two arrests for illegal keeping; one case is pending in the courts, and in one the defendant was convicted in the lower court and appealed. The supposed owner of the liquor found at the other place left town, and a warrant for his arrest for assault was not served.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY CONNOR,
Liquor Officer.

REPORT OF LOCKUP KEEPER.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

During the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1898. the number of tramps lodged was 927; number of prisoners, 23.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY CONNOR.
Keeper of Lockup.

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOL.

Payment of Teachers and Superintendent.

	NO. WEEKS.		
Paid Anna Bright	37		$ 370 00
Ernest D. Daniels, Principal and Supt.,			1800 00
Rebecca Dunning,	37		370 00
Bertha Ellis,	37		328 50
Isabella D. Farrell,	4		40 00
Charles Frazer,	19	4-5	157 50
Cora Goodwin,	20		275 00
Bertha Hood,	18		162 00
Mrs. L. T. Hosmer,	39	(Music)	312 00
Helen Hanscom,	20		200 00
Pearl Jacobs,	29		240 50
Mary Kauffman,	18		180 00
Frances E. King,	39		511 87
Kate Lee,	11		85 50
Adra R. Mason,	36	(Drawing)	180 00
Emily Morse,	37		370 00
A. F. O'Hara,	40		575 00
Isabelle H. Perry,	18		153 00
Anna Pierce,	8		88 00
Sara E. Pollard,	8		78 00
Isabella Reilly,	37		406 50
Mary L. Saxton,	18		180 00
Susan L. Senter,	25	1-5	252 00
Julia A. Stockbridge,	19		190 00
Lucy Tower,	37		370 00
Barbara E. Vogler,	18		166 00
Grace C. Whiting,	40		650 00

	NO. WEEKS.	
Rachel Wordell,	19 4-17	161 50
Florent Whitmore,	32	400 00
Grace C. Whiting, music,		19 00
Total,		$9,271 87

FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Paid Mary E. Buckley,	$ 6 00
Henry F. Brown,	10 00
Alfred F. Everett,	315 00
Wm. Greenup,	6 10
Don H. Johnson,	14 90
A. B. Longworth,	40
E. P. Proctor,	462 50
John Tyler,	360 00
Charles E. Woodward,	29 80
Frank Woodward,	3 90
C. H. Woodward,	10 90
Total,	$1,219 50

PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

Paid Benj. K. Bennett,	$26 25
John Dunning,	26 25
Wm. Dove,	416 00
Alex Ewen,	26 25
Roy Guild,	2 25
Timothy Haley,	208 25
Bertha Hood,	2 25
Loring Johnson,	13 50

Walter Johnson,	4 00
Charles Knowlton,	6 75
A. B. Longworth,	251 78
Walter B. McLellan,	17 50
Ralph Newcomb,	13 50
Homer Newell,	1 50
Wm. Richardson,	2 62
Total,	$1,018 65

FOR SCHOOL FUEL.

Paid J. B. Crocker, coal,	$688 50
Wilton A. Pond, wood,	91 10
Wm. A. Wyckoff, coal,	21 75
Total,	$801 35

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid L. A. Bright, grading,	$18 00
N. M. Bennett, labor,	3 20
O. B. Blake, carpenter work,	55 87
John Byrnes, labor,	6 00
P. J. Collins, labor,	5 00
D. H. Campbell,	7 50
John Costello, labor,	3 75
Carter & Metcalf, loam,	3 00
Wm. Crowninshield,	88
Wm. Dove, carpenter work,	8 62
Nathan Daniels, labor,	6 00
C. Fitzgerald,	11 25
Joseph G. Guild, labor,	2 00

George H. Grant, carpenter work,	17 35
Hosie Bros., miscellaneous,	10 82
J. T. Hutchinson, painting,	58 00
D. W. Johnson, labor,	2 70
George King, manure,	12 00
A. B. Longworth, labor,	2 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, lumber,	76 35
Walter Morse, labor,	3 00
Barnard Maguire, mason work and material,	97 38
Walter Nason, loam,	7 25
J. A. Swasey, blackboards,	67 65
Edgar Wells, grading,	10 00
Total,	$495 57

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paid American Book Co.,	$124 60
Allyn & Bacon,	6 33
Alden Spear's Sons,	2 25
Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	178 61
Clark Manf. Co., ink,	2 50
T. H. Castor & Co.,	1 60
S. C. Crocker,	15 00
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	10 59
Ginn & Co.,	61 93
Gage & Co.,	6 81
D. C. Heath & Co.	1 63
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	2 72
J. L Hammett & Co.,	6 00
L. T. Hosmer,	8 00
Carl B. Johnson,	9 95
Geo. F. King & Co.,	25 55
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	9 00
MacWilliams & Co.,	5 25

Adra R. Mason,	9 95
Prang Educational Co.,	5 76
Joe Stedman,	2 50
Willard Small,	2 25
Smith Typewriter Co.,	70 00
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	45 30
Maisie Whiting,	2 50
J. S. Weslie & Sons,	7 50
Wm. Ware & Co.,	55 66
Wheelock & Davis,	3 70
Miscellaneous,	4 90
Total,	$687 64

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Arthur Ainsworth, cleaning,	$10 00
E. E. Babb & Co.,	5 37
J. W. Batchelor,	1 65
A. F. Bright, carting ashes,	2 00
M. F. Conroy, stamps, etc.,	13 41
Cheney Globe Co., globe,	7 00
Costello Bros., sundries,	3 84
Clark Machine Co.,	5 49
Chandler Desk Co.,	5 48
John G. Cunningham, horse hire,	2 50
Anthony Connor, truant officer,	1 50
John Dunning, water,	2 75
E. D. Daniels, expenses, etc.,	22 29
Wm. Dove, labor,	7 95
Mrs. Waldo Daniels, water,	6 00
Alexander Ewen, labor,	4 76
L. P. Faxon, curtains,	6 00
C. L. Fales & Co., sundries,	1 25
Joseph Farley, labor,	3 00

Franklin Water Co., water,	12 50
Edward E. Field, tickets,	2 00
Geo. H. Grant, carpenter work,	6 20
Chester L. Guild, labor,	1 80
F. W. Guild, clock repairs,	3 50
John D. Hatch,	1 00
Charles W. Hill, horse hire,	2 25
Hosie Bros., miscellaneous,	60 36
H. Hanscom, traveling expenses,	4 00
K. R. Jewett, teaming,	20 80
Carl B. Johnson,	14 20
Lovell Arms Co., type writer,	60 00
A. B. Longworth, labor,	6 15
A. H. Morse estate, use of Opera House,	15 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, lumber,	14 10
A. C. Mason & Co., sundries,	2 20
Adra R. Mason, diplomas,	3 75
Silas W. Nickerson, truant officer,	23 25
Nelson E. Newell, school census, etc.,	32 25
Nathan C. Nye, ribbon,	1 80
James F. Rose, use of tools,	2 50
Razee & Son, express,	16 85
Smith Typewriter Co., supplies,	7 00
W. B. Spurr, flags and bunting,	26 69
Trowbridge Piano Co., rent of piano,	5 50
Geo. H. Willoby, repair of clocks,	2 00
Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co., lights,	27 72
Several small items,	4 15
Total,	$491 76

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Appropriated,	$12,900 00
Received, dog license money,	574 40

Income Mass. school fund,	195 02
Tuition,	182 25
Material sold,	36 60
Total,	$13,888 27
Paid salaries of teachers and Supt.,	$9,271 87
Transportation of pupils,	1,219 50
Janitors,	1,018 65
Fuel,	801 35
Repairs of school houses,	495 57
Books and supplies,	687 64
Miscellaneous expenses,	491 76
Total,	$13,986 34
Overdrawn.	98 07

Note—Bills against the Department, due Jan. 31, are estimated at $175, not including about $300 due for insurance on school houses.

FOR VENTILATION AND HEATING HORACE MANN SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid O. B. Blake,	$35 50
Costello Bros.,	34 00
Geo. H. Grant,	1 86
Hosie Bros.,	529 43
Timothy Healy,	21 00
M. J. Hart,	140 00
Kervin R. Jewett,	4 50
George King,	125 00
Barnard Maguire,	242 87
O. F. Metcalf & Sons,	17 48
New England R. R., freight,	63 60
Total,	$1,215 24

Appropriated,	$1,500 00
Expended,	1 215 24
Unexpended,	$284 76

Note—Bills due against this account Jan. 31 amount to somewhat more than the unexpended balance shown above.

FOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND WALKS.

Paid Ames Plow Co., road roller, etc.,	$213 36
M. F. Ballou & Co., concrete walks & gutters,	356 64
F. M. Bennett, labor,	5 95
Daniel Buckley, gravel,	2 00
Charles H. Corbin, mason work,	3 66
Clark Machine Co., miscellaneous,	56 83
John G. Cunningham, horse hire, etc.,	185 20
A. C. Dana, horse medicine,	6 18
Franklin Water Co., water at barn 18 months,	13 50
James Follensbee, stone work,	2 40
James Ford, labor,	7 45
E. G. Fisher, hammer handles,	2 40
Geo. H. Grant, repairs,	5 20
Charles R. Gowen, gravel,	3 80
Hosie Bros., tools, etc.,	47 60
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	94 88
Charles W. Hill, horse hire,	10 50
J. A. Haskill, oil,	1 50
J. T. Hutchinson, painting barn,	18 29
K. R. Jewett, team work,	3 75
W. N. King, snow bill,	3 85
George Knibb, harness work,	4 55
D. A. & W. F. King, snow bills,	4 00
Wm. H. Lowell, gravel,	3 30
Adam Laundry, stone work,	15 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, grain and lumber.	210 33

Frank Metcalf, gravel,	20 00
Daniel Mahoney, labor,	5 25
James McParland, harness work,	8 20
Thomas L. Martin, veterinary,	3 25
H. B. Miller, hay,	43 93
A. W. Miller, snow bill,	1 75
Ellen M. Mason, gravel,	20 00
New England R. R., freight bills,	4 39
Albert J. Newell, snow bill,	3 40
Wilton A. Pond, snow bill and lumber,	40 56
Patrick Reynolds, grading,	5 00
Fred A. Rogers, blacksmithing,	60 30
James F. Ray, grain,	39 05
James Riley, gravel,	4 40
Ray Fabric Co., blankets,	9 00
Spring Pond Ice Co., gravel,	3 25
R. A. Stewart, repairs,	18 80
A. W. Stone, snow bill,	1 60
Geo. H. Sampson, blasting material,	14 81
O. S. Stetson, hay,	75 76
John J. Stewart, team work,	36 00
Wm. E. Tower, posts,	1 50
S. C. Taft, surveying,	2 00
S. B. & E. N. Thain, cart,	25 00
Charles Tingley, ledge work,	180 00
Mrs. M. Whiting, gravel,	3 45
Labor, as on time book,	3,882 19
Various small items,	4 10
Total,	$5,799 06

Summary :—

Appropriated,	5,000 00
Received, manure at barn,	15 00
	$5,015 00
Expended,	5,799 06
Overdrawn,	$784 06

FOR SUPPORT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid John A. Andrews & Co., groceries,	$ 87 16
W. H. Arnold, two cows,	100 00
Henry Bemis, burial,	5 00
M. P. Boyle, sewing,	26 00
Bartlett Bros, butter, etc.,	78 78
David W. Corson, supplies,	24 44
John G. Cunningham, cow and calf,	51 25
James B. Crocker, fertilizer,	78 95
Combination Clothing Co., clothing,	18 56
Clark Machine Co., repairs,	8 76
Geo. A. Clark, blacksmithing,	30 14
J. H. Clark, butter,	5 00
Clark Bros., potatoes,	4 45
Hannah Crowley, housework,	24 50
O. B. Drake, grinding corn,	9 66
A. C. Dana, medical supplies,	18 70
George E. Emerson, supplies,	206 14
James M. Freeman, insurance,	26 25
Alvin Fiske, fish,	17 61
Farrington & Gushee, burial,	18 00
C. L. Fales & Co., supplies,	25 61
Farquah & Co., seeds,	13 18
L. P. Faxon, curtains,	12 00
Mrs. Frank Gay, nursing,	13 50
Wm. D. Huntoon, miscellaneous,	5 72
Hosie Bros., miscellaneous,	74 62
John D. Hatch, blacksmithing,	5 85
Jog Along Clothing Co., clothing,	39 15
Henry R. Jenks, farm machinery,	94 17
George Knibb, harness work,	3 15
Lawrence J. Kelly, carpenter work,	13 75
Adam Laundry, stone work,	50 59
Effie Meacher, housework,	15 00
A. C. Mason, medical supplies,	9 80
G. A. Martin, medical attendance on inmates,	65 00
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, grain,	230 63

Wm. Mann, haying,	33 72
E. Lovell Metcalf, pastry,	15 92
Thomas L. Martin, wagon, etc.,	49 00
James McParland, harness work,	6 75
James McEwen, pasturing,	8 40
Nathan C. Nye, dry goods,	11 21
J. M. Parker, celery plants,	11 40
S. S. Pierce & Co., groceries,	60 94
F. Putnam & Co., supplies,	10 00
C. A. Parsons, supplies,	39 00
Mary Pond, grass,	9 00
N. Ray & Son, scraps,	7 75
Charles Robinson, cow,	40 00
James F. Ray, grain, etc.,	343 68
C. L. Sanger, sawdust,	3 00
Charles Smith, labor,	20 47
P. M. Sharples,	47
C. W. Stewart, manure,	6 36
R. A. Stewart, repairs,	8 90
Sprague Bros. & Co., supplies,	5 50
N. B. Stone, expenses and on salary,	127 85
F. F. Staples, supplies,	2 58
John Stewart, labor,	23 10
Frank Searle, shaving,	2 00
T. M. Turner & Co., supplies,	71 83
Charles Tingley, cutting wood, etc.,	109 59
Town Treasurer, manure, town barn,	15 00
Wheeler & Co., groceries,	10 00
Anton Wyman, labor,	41 00
Total,	$2,705 49

PAYMENTS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Henry Bemis, burial of Mrs. Geo. Cleveland,	$ 5 00
Chas. M. Butman, J. D. Fisher, rent,	45 00

Anthony Connor, food for tramps,	6 35
Austin B. Chilson, supplies for Kate Cody,	3 74
Thomas J. Curley, supplies for Mrs. Savage,	136 50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for insane,	203 44
J. B. Crocker, coal, for F. Bennett, P. Hogan,	4 89
D. W. Corson, meat, etc., for L. H. Marsh,	56 99
Mrs. Wm. Canty, aid,	8 00
E. C. Dean, old bill for Mrs. Cody,	49 50
Geo. E. Emerson, supplies for Mrs. Kane,	10 52
Farrington & Gushee, burials,	32 00
Wm. Fisher, aid,	30 00
H. B. Fiske, supplies to Jackson family,	29 90
Charles L. Fales & Co., for J. D. Fisher,	45 00
" " " for Mrs. Hobin,	21 00
" " " for F. M. Bennett,	3 00
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., account book for Overseers,	9 25
Patrick Feeley, for Murphy boy,	60 00
J. B. Fitzpatrick, burial of Mrs. Lynch,	20 00
Mrs. Peter George, for daughter,	110 00
Alex M. Haggart, J. D. Fisher, rent,	40 00
" " " coal for Mary Laundry,	12 52
Addie Jillson and sister, aid,	96 00
P. A. Jacoby, medical attendance on Marsh and Greene,	5 75
J. B. McKinnon, groceries for Mrs. Cody,	107 00
" " " " Mrs. Despar,	46 89
" " " " F. Bennett,	21 20
Patrick McGroary, rent for Mrs. Quinn,	56 00
Town of Milford, for Savage family,	21 89
" " " " Mrs. Pitman,	107 36
G. A. Martin, medical attendance, various persons,	49 75
McCabe & Cody, groceries for Mrs. Kingsley,	22 08
" " " " E. Brown,	9 13
W. H. Norton, groceries for R. Phillips,	44 61
J. F. O'Donnell, rent for Mrs. Cody,	83 00
Mary Quinn, aid,	20 00

James P. Ray, coal to various persons,	25 61
E. K. Ray, rent for Mrs. Cornell,	50 32
C. H. Randall, medical attendance, Mrs. Charles Clark,	9 00
Samuel Y. Reed, Hubin family,	3 80
F. M. Richardson, for Charles Clark,	63 57
Kate Sanborn, medical attendance, R. Phillips,	17 75
H. Shumsky, for Geo. A. Blake,	4 00
A. F. Staples, supplies to Geo. Granger,	17 05
" " " Hobin family,	4 04
" " " John Riley family,	2 51
Willard Stocker, aid,	114 00
T. M. Turner & Co., for L. H. Marsh,	66 75
Davis Thayer, rent for Mrs. Cornell,	56 00
Worcester Insane Asylum, for insane,	415 35
A. M. Waite, rent for Mrs. Despar,	36 00
Total,	$2,519 01

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$4,000 00
Received, produce sold,	200 89
Received from towns and State,	285 32
Total,	$4,486 21
Expended,	5,224 50
Overdrawn,	738 29

Note—Unpaid bills against this department Jan. 31, 1898, estimated, $500 00

PAYMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Wm. H. Austin, labor,	$ 7 00
Daniel Buckley, labor,	7 50
Wm. F. Buckley, engineer,	20 00

Harry Cockle, labor,	1 92
Daniel Cody, labor,	52
J. G. Cunningham, chief engineer and teaming,	45 50
Cataract Engine Co., 25 men,	375 00
John Cauldwell,	10 00
Combination Ladder Co., supplies,	41 07
T. J. Daniels, forest fires,	5 00
Samuel Eastman & Co.,	20 00
Emerson Hook and Ladder Co., 15 men,	195 00
T. E. Feeley, labor,	2 44
Harry Granger, labor,	2 92
Edwin Gay, labor,	7 00
D. M. Halloran, labor,	4 80
Herdic Hose Co., salaries,	145 00
J. W. Heaton, ground rent, 6 months,	20 00
Hosie Bros., miscellaneous,	5 01
John D. Hatch, repairs,	10 00
W. L. Johnson, labor,	2 00
Lucy Jones, rent,	15 00
George Knibb, repairs,	2 40
David A. King, forest fires,	1 75
Richard Kearns, labor,	1 10
Wm. F. King, forest fires,	6 50
Geo. H. Litchfield, labor,	9 31
John Molley, labor,	1 87
A. C. Mason & Co., supplies,	75
Edgar A. Metcalf, engineer,	20 00
James B. McKinnon, engineer and expenses,	22 50
Geo. I. Peck, engineer,	20 00
Protector Hose Co., 13 men,	180 00
James F. Rose, repairs,	2 50
Wm. Redpath, labor,	1 00
J. G. Ray Engine Co.,	365 00
J. F. Ray, supplies,	2 10
E. H. Sherman, collector 87 poll taxes,	174 00
H. Shumsky, hauling hose cart,	7 00
Harry Spence, labor,	9 35

James Sullivan, labor,	2 10
George M. Stevens, supplies,	132 10
W. C. Snow, painting hose cart,	17 00
R. A. Stewart, repairs,	11 30
J. B. Sharon, forest fire,	1 75
Town of Medway, fires at North End,	94 00
Various persons, forest fires,	20 76
Daniel White, labor,	8 75
Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co., lights,	89 13
" " " " fire alarm,	60 00
Total,	$2,206 70

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$2,500 00
Expended,	2,206 70
Unexpended,	$293 30

WATER SUPPLY FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Franklin Water Co.,	$4,040 00

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$4,100 00
Expended,	4,040 00
Unexpended,	60 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Elisha P. Chapman, Assessor, 1897,	$ 98 75
James O. Chilson, Assessor, 1897,	235 00
John P. Costello, teller,	3 00

John B. Collins, registrar,	12 00
John G. Cunningham, Selectman, 1897,	75 00
James W. Desmond, ballot clerk,	6 00
Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk and Registrar,	62 75
Geo. E. Emerson, Overseer of Poor, 1896,	150 00
Dwight M. Hodge, Board of Health,	25 00
Henry R. Jenks, Treasurer and Overseer, 1896,	275 00
James E. Kelly, Registrar,	7 50
Wm. F. King, Inspector of Animals, 1897,	75 00
Geo. P. Mason, Selectman, 1897,	75 00
Thomas L. Martin, Inspector of Animals, 1896,	50 00
Nelson E. Newell, Auditor and Secretary,	110 00
Nathan C. Nye, Registrar,	17 13
Chas. F. Nye, Selectman, 1897,	100 00
William Rockwood, Assessor, 1897,	155 00
Samuel Y. Reed, Overseer, 1897,	75 00
Bradley M. Rockwood, Registrar,	17 25
Walter C. Sherman, Teller,	3 00
Total,	$1,627 38

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$1,400 00
Expended,	1,627 38
Overdrawn,	$227 38
Note—Estimated due in this department,	$500 00

TOWN DEBT.

Paid T. D. Blake,	$2,200 00

Summary:—

Appropriation,	$2,200 00
Paid,	2,200 00

INTEREST.

Paid Thomas D. Blake, High School loan,	$495 00
Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank, on temporary note,	230 55
Franklin National Bank,	591 28
Wm. F. Ray, Trustee Odd Fellows' note,	80 00
Total,	$1,396 83

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$1,650 00
Expended,	1,396 83
Unexpended,	253 17

FOR TEMPORARY NOTES.

Paid Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank,	$10,000 00
Franklin National Bank,	14,000 00
Total,	$24,000 00

FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid G. M. Billings, for Collector,	$ 7 00
A. C. Dana, for Treasurer,	1 12
Carl B. Johnson, 1100 Town Reports,	181 25
" " 1100 Assessors' valuations,	207 90
" " miscellaneous,	76 55
P. B. Murphy, for Town Clerk,	2 25
New Idea Print, for Selectmen,	4 75
Wheelock & Davis, books for Assessors,	28 15
M. R. Warren, for Collector,	11 93
Total,	$520 90

Summary :—

Appropriation,	$350 00
Expended,	520 90
Overdrawn,	$170 90

Note—When the town voted to publish the valuation money was appropriated therefor, but as the printing was done after the close of the fiscal year the appropriation was covered into the Treasury under the bylaws of the town. This explains the large overdraw shown.

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co.,	$3,718 00

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$3,700 00
Expended,	3,718 00
Overdrawn,	18 00

PAYMENTS TO POLICE.

Paid Anthony Connor, police and lockup keeper,	$441 60
William G. Cody, special,	12 50
Fred L. Davis, police and dog officer,	33 37
Daniel W. Fisher, special,	32 71
Charles R. Gowen, special,	20 00
Joseph T. Hutchinson, special,	8 50
Kervin R. Jewett, special,	5 00
John Johnson, special,	5 00
A. H. Morse estate, rent of lockup,	75 00
A. W. Newell estate, 1894 bill,	2 50

William Redpath, night watch,	187 50
A. W. Stone, special,	20 00
Woonsocket E. M. & P. Co., lights.	21 61
Total,	$865 29

FOR SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Paid H. A. Bent,	$ 3 37
Charles Badger,	7 50
Anthony Connor,	182 70
Daniel W. Fisher,	17 99
Silas W. Nickerson,	425 00
Total,	$636 56

Summary:—

Appropriated,	$1.400 00
Expended, police and suppression of illegal liquor traffic,	1,501 85
Overdrawn,	101 85

STATE AID.

Paid Emma J. Ackley,	12 months,	48 00
Celestia Ballard,	" "	48 00
Benjamin K. Bennett,	" "	36 00
Seth Blake,	" "	48 00
Jane Blake,	" "	24 00
John M. Burr,	" "	36 00
Mary Burr,	" "	48 00
Margaret Carr,	" "	48 00
Andrew H. Curry,	8 "	32 00

Cornelius Curran,	12	"	48 00
Elsie C. Day,	"	"	48 00
James Garland,	"	"	48 00
Nathaniel S. Grow,	"	"	48 00
Henry W. Heaton,	4	"	16 00
Susan F. A. Jeffards,	3	"	12 00
Richard H. King,	4	"	16 00
Helen King,	8	"	32 00
Anna S. Knapp,	4	"	16 00
William Lowell,	12	"	48 00
Almira Louger,	3	"	12 00
Wm. H. Miller,	12	"	48 00
Charlotte Miller,	"	"	48 00
Rosilla Newcomb,	"	"	48 00
Warren C. Parker,	"	"	74 00
George H. Scott,	5	"	20 00
Annie E. Tatt,	12	"	48 00
James S. Toothaker,	13	"	78 00
George W. Thompson,	12	"	48 00
Charles Thompson,	"	"	48 00
James W. Wilkinson,	10	"	40 00
Total,			$1,212 00

Summary :—

Appropriated, State and Military aid	$ 800 00
Received from the State, Military aid,	126 00
" " " " State aid,	1,038 00
" " " " burial of soldiers,	35 00
Total,	$1,999 00
Expended, State and Military aid,	1,482 00
Unexpended,	$517 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid George W. Wiggin, Treasurer,	$700 00
Summary:—	
Appropriated,	$700 00
Expended,	700 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Pliny A. Holbrook, 12 months,	$235 00
Burial of Richard H. King,	35 00
Total,	$270 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Edwin A. Mason, for Post 60, G. A. R.,	$100 00
Summary:—	
Appropriated,	100 00
Expended,	100 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Thomas B. Allen, wood for Mrs. Ballard,	$ 6 50
John M. Burr, aid, 12 months,	72 00
F. A. Bates, supplies for Benj. Bennett,	23 22
George E. Emerson, supplies to Andrew Curry,	176 42
D. P. Jacoby, medical attendance, Seth Blake family,	52 00

G. A. Martin, medical attendance, P. Holbrook and others,	32 00
W. H. Norton, supplies to Mrs. Carr,	51 79
F. E. Osbourne, supplies to Benj. Bennett,	82 00
Thomas O'Reilly, rent for Mrs. Carr,	48 00
W. L. Palmer, wood and coal for Mrs. Carr,	29 75
A. F. Pendleton, carriage,	50
C. H. Randall, medical attendance, Seth Blake family,	43 50
James F. Ray, rent for Benj. Bennett,	48 00
Mrs. John Sexton, aid,	6 00
Total,	$671 68

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$800 00
Mrs. Carr's aid,	48 00
	$848 00
Expended,	671 68
Unexpended,	$176 32

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Paid Thomas F. Connelly, 1895 tax,	$4 65
Henry Colgan, 1895 tax,	6 20
Fred Davis, 1895 tax,	2 00
Heirs Joseph and Annie Harris, 1893 tax,	1 70
Heirs Timothy Kane, 1895 tax,	7 75
J. F. McCarthy, tax 1896,	4 60
Lewis Peary, 1895 tax,	2 00
Wm. Rockwood, collection of 1894 tax,	488 94
R. K. Stevens, 1894 and 1895 tax,	12 60
Various persons, Wm. Rockwood collector,	801 28
Various persons, E. H. Sherman collector,	708 95

Alfred D. Whiting, 1895 tax,	6 20
George H. Wise, 1896 tax,	2 16
Total,	$2,049 03

Summary :—

Appropriated,	$ 800 00
Expended,	2,049 03
Overdrawn,	$1,249 03

Note—$229 50 of the above amount of abatements was reassessed, collected and paid to the Treasurer by E. H. Sherman, collector.

PAYMENT OF STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAXES.

Paid Chas. H. Smith, county tax,	$2,943 47
State Treasurer, State tax,	2,100 00
" " National Bank tax,	1,294 19
" " penalty neglect to make returns,	2 00
Total,	$6,339 66

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Paid George M. Stevens,	$482 50

Summary :—

Appropriated,	500 00
Expended,	482 50
Unexpended,	$17 50

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Paid F. M. Ballou & Co.,	$586 35
N. E. Newell, measuring,	2 50
Total,	$588 85
Summary :—	
Appropriated,	$500 00
Expended,	588 85
Overdrawn,	$88 85

Note—A bill of $57.20 remains unpaid.

TO REIMBURSE M. J. LEE.

Paid M. J. Lee, for concreting,	$168 00
Summary :—	
Appropriated,	$168 00
Expended,	168 00

FOR PRINTING TOWN RECORDS.

Paid Albert H. Martin,	$62 46
Summary :—	
Appropriated,	$550 00
Expended,	62 46
Unexpended,	$487 54

Note—As the work of printing is not completed, the payment therefor has not been made. At a special town meeting in 1897 $350 was appropriated, which will be raised in the taxes of 1898, and $200 appropriated from the amount appropriated for miscellaneous expenses in 1897. The unexpended balance will probably cover the bill for printing, but under the town bylaws the payment will be made from the miscellaneous account unless otherwise provided for at a future town meeting. AUDITOR.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid Solon Abbott, return of births,	$ 5 00
Nelson A. Bill, officer's fees, R. G. Fairbanks' cases,	13 02
E. A. Burdakin, for Assessors,	15 00
John M. Burr, janitor of Town Hall,	7 25
Anthony Connor, fees and expenses in criminal cases,	25 58
M. F. Conroy, postage stamps,	16 50
J. T. Cherry, care of insane person,	8 50
J. T. Cauldwell, labor,	3 00
Orestes T. Doe, returns of births, marriages, deaths, etc.,	115 59
Fred L. Davis, serving notices to town officers,	3 00
Farrington & Gushee, return of deaths,	9 50
Franklin National Bank, check book,	3 00
Jerome B. Fitzpatrick, return of deaths,	10 00
R. G. Fairbanks, cases,	13 25
Greenup, Adams & Cushing, ink,	1 90
A. J. Gallison, return of births,	8 50
Wm. F. King, Pleasant street land damage, old bill,	20 00
G. A. Martin, return of births,	14 25
J. H. Mann, return of birth,	25
B. McManus, labor,	1 00
A. H. Morse estate, rent of Opera House,	20 00
S. W. Nickerson, fees and expenses, court cases,	13 97
Nelson E. Newell, postage, blanks, etc.,	4 08
Emory Thayer, mowing cemetery,	10 00
Razee & Son, carting ballot box,	1 00
Joseph G. Ray, rent and heat of room,	115 00
R. M. Saltonstall, legal services,	35 00
Lewis R. Whitaker, posting warrants,	9 00
Samuel Warner, cases, expenses,	10 75
Total,	$512 89

Summary :—	
Appropriated,	$900 00
Fines received :—	
Samuel Warner, Justice,	61 75
Orestes T. Doe, Justice,	92 99
Total,	$1,054 74
Unexpended,	541 85

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

To personal property appraised Jan. 31, 1898,	$4,693 50	
Interest on farm, water supply, etc., at 4 per cent.,	176 00	
Cash paid from Treasury,	2,705 49	
		$7,574 99

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To personal property, appraised Jan. 31, 1897,	$4,243 50	
Sales from the farm	200 89	
		4,444 39
Net cost at Almshouse,		$3,130 60
Net cost of outside poor,		2,233 69
Total net pauper expenses,		$5,364 29

Note—The above is the showing from the Treasurer's account, Jan. 31, 1898. As no returns from the Town Farm had been received for several months, the figures probably fail to show the actual receipts from sales at the farm for the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY R. JENKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
Feb. 1,	Balance cash in Treasury,	$4,727 69
" 19,	O. T. Doe, from estate of Frank Prime,	79 05
" 19,	Town of Medway, on pauper account,	140 00
" 28,	Town of Easton, " " "	42 00
" 28,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	1,500 00
Mar. 10,	Auctioneer's license,	1 00
" 10,	Billiard and pool table licenses,	8 00
" 30,	Innholder's license,	2 00
" 30,	Peddler's licenses,	20 00
" 30,	Wm. Rockwood, on taxes of 1895,	300 00
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	2,000 00
Apr. 1,	Mrs. Carr's State aid,	48 00
" 15,	D. W. Corson, potatoes,	2 00
" 20,	Circus license and ground rent,	15 00
" 20,	Slaughter house license,	2 00
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	2,250 00
" 30,	Wm. Rockwood, on taxes of 1895,	400 00
May 1,	State Treasurer, balance of corporation tax, 1896,	375 99
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	1,250 00
June 30,	" " " " " "	500 00
July 1,	C. J. McKenzie, for posts,	2 00
" 3,	O. T. Doe, fines in criminal cases,	92 99
" 3,	Samuel Warner, fines in criminal cases,	61 75
" 3,	Licenses to sell fireworks,	10 00
" 28,	Town of Bellingham, school tuition,	119 25
" 28,	School tuition and supplies sold, from Superintendent,	90 60
" 28,	K. R. Jewett, grass on school lot,	3 00
" 28,	Dr. G. King, old furnace sold,	6 00

" 28,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	700 00
Aug. 30,	Wm. Rockwood, " " " 1895,	400 00
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, " " " 1896,	306 11
" 30,	" " " " " 1897,	474 00
" 30,	Manure, to Almshouse,	15 00
Sept. 15,	Wm. Rockwood, on taxes of 1894,	50 00
" 30,	" " " " " 1895,	50 00
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	291 23
" 30,	" " " " " 1897,	1,650 00
Oct. 30,	" " " " " 1896,	359 48
" 30,	" " " " " 1897,	1,750 00
" 30,	Wm. Rockwood, " " " 1895,	340 00
" 30,	Town Farm, for produce sold,	198 89
Nov. 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	208 56
" 30,	" " " " " 1897,	8,800 00
" 30,	Wm. Rockwood, " " " 1895,	150 00
Dec. 20,	State Treasurer, corporation tax, 1897,	4,411 36
" 20,	" " Nat. Bank tax of 1896,	241 62
" 20,	" " Military aid, 1896,	126 00
" 20,	" " State aid, 1896,	1,038 00
" 20,	" " Burial of soldiers,	35 00
" 20,	" " For State paupers,	103 32
" 20,	" " Income of school fund,	195 02
" 20,	Wm. Rockwood, on taxes of 1894,	100 00
" 20,	" " " " " 1895,	230 00
" 20,	E. H. Sherman, " " " 1896,	127 83
" 20,	" " " " " 1897,	19,700 00
1898.		
Jan. 16,	County Treasurer, dog license money,	574 40
" 30,	Interest on Lucretia Pond fund,	40 40
" 30,	Wm. Rockwood, balance of taxes of 1894,	591 96
" 30,	" " interest on taxes of 1894,	81 85
" 30,	" " on taxes of 1895,	6 40
" 30,	" " interest on taxes of 1895,	182 63
" 30,	E. H. Sherman, on taxes of 1896,	451 39
" 30,	" " " " " 1897,	5,100 00

" 30,	Reassessed taxes,	36 80
" 30,	Borrowed money on temporary notes,	21,500 00
	Total,	$84,665 57

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY R. JENKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' and Superintendent's salaries,		$9,271 87
Janitor's services,		1,018 65
Text books and supplies,		687 64
School fuel,		801 35
Transportation of scholars,		1,219 50
Repairs of school buildings,		495 57
Miscellaneous school expenses,		491 76
Repairs and construction of roads,		5,799 06
Concrete walks,		588 85
Support of Almshouse,		2,705 49
" " outside poor,		2,519 01
" " Fire Department,		2,206 70
Payment for street lights,		3,718 00
" to town officers,		1,627 38
" to police officers,		865 29
" for printing and stationery,		520 90
" of town notes,		26,200 00
" for interest,		1,396 83
Abatement and collection of taxes,		2,049 03
Paid special appropriations as follows:		
Franklin Library Association,	$700 00	
G. A. R. Post 60, for decoration,	100 00	
Father M. J. Lee, for concreting,	168 00	
George M. Stevens, F. A. Apparatus,	482 50	
		$1,450 50
Paid State, county and bank taxes,		6,339 66
Franklin Water Company, hydrant supply,		4,040 00
Suppression of liquor traffic,		636 56
Military aid,		270 00
State "		1,212 00
Soldiers' Relief,		671 68

Miscellaneous town expenses,	512 89
Special repairs, Horace Mann School,	1,215 24
Work on records of marriages, births and deaths,	62 46
	$80,593 87
Balance in Treasury Feb 1, 1898,	4,071 70
	$84,665 57

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The foregoing detailed account is a correct statement of the expenditures of the town of Franklin for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1898, as shown by the books and vouchers on file.

NELSON E. NEWELL,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury	$4,071 70	
Due on taxes of 1895,	600 00	
" " " " 1896,	295 17	
" " " " 1897,	9,454 52	
Due From State, for Military aid,	107 50	
" " " " State "	1,184 00	
" " " " burial of soldiers,	35 00	
" " " " cattle,	105 00	
" " " and towns on pauper account,	368 97	
	$16,221 86	
Deduct for abatement and collection of taxes,	1,800 00	
		$14,421 86
Balance against the town,		5,710 34
		$20,132 20

OF FRANKLIN, FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

LIABILITIES.

One note to Franklin National Bank,	$7,500 00	
" " " K. D. Lodge, I. O. O. F.,	2,000 00	
		$9,500 00

The above notes bear 4 per cent. interest.

New High School Loan, viz.:

Note No. 4, to Thomas Blake, due Oct. 1, 1898,	$2,200 00	
Note No. 5, to Thomas Blake, due Oct. 1, 1899,	2,200 00	
Note No. 6, to Thomas Blake, due Oct. 1, 1900,	2,200 00	
Note No. 7, to Thomas Blake, due Oct. 1, 1901,	2,200 00	
		$8,800 00

Notes Nos. 4 to 7 bear 4 1-2 per cent. interest.

Outstanding unpaid bills estimated as follows:

Town officers,	$500 00	
H. M. School Building,	300 00	
Support of schools,	175 00	
Pauper account,	500 00	
Insurance on building,	300 00	
Concreting walks,	57 20	
		$1,832 20
		$20,132 20

HENRY R. JENKS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Directors of the Franklin Library Association offer the following report:

There has been no change in the management or officers of the Association the past year. The Library and reading room have been open for the use of the citizens and young people of the town during the year daily from 2 to 5 : 30, and from 6 :30 to 9 P. M., excepting in August, when it was open Saturday evenings. The Librarian reports that the number of persons drawing books for home reading was 594 and the number of books taken out was 10,476 ; also that the reading room, which is furnished with several daily and weekly papers and the current magazines, has been very well patronized, especially by the young people.

From the income of the Dean fund there have been added to the circulation 59 books, and also several books of reference purchased. Including the highly appreciated gift by the Rev. Wm. M. Thayer of 114 volumes from his private collection, friends of the Library have donated 143 volumes.

The amount appropriated by the town has been used in the expenses for the support of the Library and reading room. That the citizens may continue to receive these benefits we would respectfully ask that the town at its annual meeting appropriate the sum of $700 to defray the expenses the of current year.

One of the eminent Librarians of the State, in a public address in Boston, a few months since, referred to the Franklin Library as the *first* Public Library in the United States. In view of this fact, the fame of Benjamin Franklin, the original patron of our Library, the generous interest of past citizens, the example furnished in the provision made for Public Libraries in other towns of our State, can we not

reasonably hope that in the near future some son of our town, by birth or adoption, may gladly furnish for our Public Library a permanent building that will be an architectural adornment to our streets and a monument to the thoughtful generosity of the donor?

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. RAY,

For the Directors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in Franklin During 1897.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5	Marjorie V. Bassett	Joseph P. and Mary V.
" 7	Andrew M. Carlson	Carl M. and Annie S.
" 9	Agnes Kearns	Michael F. and Mary A.
" 9	Ralph B. Streeter	Frank S. and and Ruth R.
" 16	George E. Newell	Chas. L. and Annie E.
" 21	Harold J. Geb	Edward and Jessie M.
" 24	John A. O'Sullivan	John A. and Emma L.
" 26	John F. Murray	John F. and Mary E.
Feb. 4	Mary A. Morrell	Raymond F. and Lizzie M.
" 6	Bernadetta B. LaRoche	Arthur and Rosalie A.
" 8	Genevieve Longworth	Anson B. and Harriette E.
" 11	Edward R. Brown	Edward and Catherine
" 19	James W. Hatfield	Wm. J. and Amelia M.
" 19	Florence E. Welch	Thomas and Mary A.
" 19	Victor Ellsworth Dalton	Benjamin W. and Alveda A.
" 23	Louis Pieri	Louis and Antonia
" 24	Raymond M. Griffin	Andrew F. and Ellen T.
" 26	David A. Couthill	David A. and Helen C.
" 28	——— Davis	Fred L. and Bertha M.
March 2	John J. Keefe	John E. and Mary A.
" 3	——— Joyce	James A. and Mary E.
" 10	Helen A. Whiting	Alfred D. and Flora
" 12	Edith M. Smith	Robert and Anna C.
" 14	Martin F. Nolan	Martin F. and Jane
" 17	Ellen Viquiert	Antoine and Seraphine
" 18	James C. McKinnon	James B. and Margaret G.
" 19	John W. Ferguson	Samuel G. and Susan A.
" 21	Ida St. John	Oliver and Doredo
" 22	——— Mignault	Ambrose J. and Ida
" 25	Hattie P. Mannell	Geo. E. and Jennie L.
" 27	Jessie A. Munro [roe	William and Catherine
April 6	Christine Denham Mun-	Herbert F. and Elizabeth M.
" 7	Veronica M. Kenney	Edward and Mary A.
" 16	Clayton J. Dauphinee	James F. and Nellie M.
" 17	Ivan E. Collins,	John B. and Nellie L.
" 20	Helena V. Feeley	Dennis T. and Catherine E.
" 23	John R. Hood	John T. and Mary C.
" 24	Hazel M. Leighton	Lewis T. and Lillian M.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
May	3	Colin K. Cook	Walter and Carrie J.
"	14	Winifred F. Grant	——— Anna F.
"	14	Carmela Mucciarone	Sebastiano and Anna
"	15	Harold F. Nash	Alfred H. and Minnie E.
"	24	Esther Simon	Abraham and Tillui
"	27	Olive R. O'Connor	Frank and Gertrude
"	29	George F. Cody	Daniel and Margaret
"	30	Douglas I. Mann	Frederic E. and Jeannette B.
June	5	Arthur L. Rockwood	Bernard R. and Ada L.
"	12	Harold E. Clark	Wm. E. and Sarah J.
"	15	Hattie M. Gorton	James L. and Sarah A.
"	23	Blanc e G. Emery	Geo H. and Harriett
"	24	John E. E. Laundry	Wm. D A. and Cora
"	26	Charles F. Gillespie	Wm. and Margaret
"	29	Ralph W. Young	Wm. A. and Emma A.
"	30	Peter Vendetta	Michael and Libera
"	30	Elwyn F. Sharon	John B. and Laura A.
July	6	——— Jackson	Wm. J. and Laura
"	7	Rosa Paul	Adolph and Mary
"	13	James C. Baxter	James B. and Ella G.
"	18	Herman C. Brown	Frank D. and Delia
"	21	Stanislaus D Connell	Jeremiah F. and Margaret J.
"	22	Liberato A. Carlucci	Nicola and Carmela
Aug.	4	Louis A. Tero	Maxiam and Mary N.
"	5	Raymond F. Eames	Herbert L. and Grace W.
"	7	Vero Carr	——— Mary Carr
"	7	William P. St. John	Edward and Lucy Perry
"	11	Aurilla E. Ayer	Webster and Ida E.
"	16	Walter M. Parker	Warren C. and Louisa
"	19	——— Moulton	William and Grace S.
"	19	Mary Coughlin	John and Anna
"	23	Minnie F. Randall	Charles H and Lizzie J.
"	30	Harold W. Ellis	J. Lewis and Maie
Sept.	4	Sarah I. Keefe	George P. and Annie E.
"	5	Lester R. King	Edward E. and Jennie I.
"	6	——— Gregori	Mariano and Giovani
"	8	Dorothy E. Hosford	James R. and Mary E.
"	11	——— Mannell	Hugh and Clara B.
"	12	Rachel H. Rathbun	Edward H. and Anna R.
"	18	Leo Joseph Bellville	Joseph and Virginia
"	20	Blanche G. Hunter	David K. and Ida G.
"	20	Arthur F. Harper	Jeremiah and Mary E.
"	21	Nora E. Healey	John F. and Margaret
"	21	Albert R. Moreau	Joseph and Catherine
"	27	Eddie Looce	Charles and Ophelia E.
"	29	Daniel McCarthy	Jeremiah J. and Jennie J.
"	29	Sarah L. Hill	George W. and Annie E.
"	30	Barbara M. Martin	Thomas L. and J. Marian
Oct.	6	Robert Wyllie	Robert and Elizabeth S.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Oct. 14	Harold E. Grant	—— Myrtle F.
" 16	Florence A. Campbell	James and Lucy A.
" 16	Dorothy W. Abbott	Solon and Evvah B.
" 17	Kenneth B. Johnson	Carl B. and Mary E.
" 19	Hazel B. McNamara	Peter A. and Delia E.
" 22	Madeline M. Halloran	Timothy W. and Mary A.
" 23	Henry Allard	Frank and Rosa
" 25	Frank E. Pitts	Frank E. and Annie
Nov. 8	Mary M. Laundre	Nepoleon and Julia
" 8	Irene A. Joyall	Joseph and Mary
" 10	Margaret F. Lennon	Patrick W. and Sarah A.
" 20	Charles E. Burke	Edmund and Alice
" 27	Alanson A. Goss	Albert H. and Ida A.
" 27	Magerett O. Dares	Harry W. and Clara J.
" 27	Dora Woodward	Frank E. and Cynthia
" 28	Elsie E. Lundborn	John and Ada C.
Dec. 2	—— Calkin	Rupert J. and Rosa A.
" 3	Louis A. St. Sauveur	Edward and Mary E.
" 14	Alice Kenney	John and Margaret
" 15	Florence M. Metcalf	William P. and Emily G.
" 19	Joseph K. Nealey	Andrew and Emma J.
" 22	Florence M. Blanchard	George and Addie L.
" 22	Oliver K. Rogers	Frank R. and Annie M.
" 26	Mae E. Killilea	Thomas and Katie
" 27	Grace L. Chilson	Austin B. and Carrie L.
" 27	Lillian M. O'Brien	Smith and Mary
" 29	Antonia Spera	Antonio and Julia
" 30	Irene E. Lenier	Frederick D. and Margaret E.
" 30	Elsie L. Smith	Charles E. and Georgie M.
1896.		
Aug. 17	Louisa Phaneuf	John and Mary L.

Total, 117.

Marriages Recorded in Franklin During 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Jan. 25	William McDonald	26	Franklin	Rev. M J. Lee
	Mary Curley	23	"	Franklin
" 26	George A. Allen	22	Franklin	Rev. C. W. Longren
	Margery E. Bacon	25	"	Franklin
Feb. 22	Hugh Mannell	26	Franklin	Rev. R. W. Savage
	Clara B. Chisholm	23	"	Walpole
Mar. 1	Eugene Houle	27	Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Eliza Landry	25	"	Franklin
" 7	Hugh F. Finneran	23	Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Abbie F. McKenna	22	"	Franklin
April 7	John A. Kershaw	21	Franklin	Rev. J. B. Woodland
	Mary McDonald	20	"	Franklin
" 24	Henning Lilja	34	Franklin	Rev. J. P. Chad-[bourne`
	Ida Carlson	38	"	Franklin
June 2	John H. Colgan	32	Franklin	Rev. M J. Lee
	Mary A. Kavanagh	29	"	Franklin
" 2	Victor H. Wise	26	Franklin	Rev. H. S. Longley
	Irene N. A. Beers	22	"	Milford
" 3	Chas. E. Merrill	32	Quincy	Rev. C L.D. Youn-[kin
	Louisa B. Gorton	18	Franklin	Boston
" 7	George H. McWilliams	22	Franklin	Rev. M J. Lee
	Bridget A. Couley	21	"	Franklin
" 8	Thomas McKinnon	31	Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Mary Gallagher	30	"	Franklin
" 12	John Schaefer	22	Norfolk	Rev. J. P. Chad-[bourne
	Ida Pohler	20	Franklin	Franklin
" 15	Leroy A. Bachelder	23	Swanville, Me.	Rev. J. B. Woodland
	Frances L. Cunningham	23	Franklin	Franklin
" 23	C. F. Clinton Pond	25	Franklin	Rev. H. G. Butler
	Annie L. Bellows	19	Medway	Upton
" 23	John F. Cody	29	Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Catherine Callahan	29	"	Franklin
" 28	Orrin F. Fiske	49	Franklin	Rev. D. M. Hodge
	Marcia C. Darling	44	"	Franklin
" 29	Chas. Liemier	23	Walpole	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Mary Crawford	22	Franklin	Franklin
July 3	Philies Moreau	20	Franklin	Rev. H. W. Mohan
	Gabriel Viguert	17	"	Franklin
" 21	Frank C. Jacobs	21	Franklin	Rev. C.W. Longren
	Annie L. Bassett	17	"	Franklin
" 29	Jeremiah F. Connell	27	Franklin	Rev. J. J. Keegan
	Margaret J. Hickey	25	Randolph	Randolph

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
Aug. 16	Frank R. Rogers	25	Franklin	Rev. G. W. Coon
	Annie McDermott	20	"	W. Medway
" 22	Roland K. Robinson	21	Franklin	Rev. F. E. Emerich
	Elizabeth A. Ledbury	20	"	Milford
Sept. 14	James P. Chadbourne	27	Franklin	Rev. G. S. Chad- [bourne
	Margaret C. Fisher	29	Boston	Boston
" 30	Amos W. Stone	34	Franklin	Rev. J. B. Woodland
	Dora B. Jordan	19	"	Franklin
Oct. 7	Alfred H. Hughes	53	Boston	Rev. C. W. Longren
	Margaret F. Cole	30	"	Franklin
" 9	Alonzo Dudley	54	Franklin	Rev. J. P. Chad- [bourne
	Phebe A. Greenwood	32	"	Franklin
" 11	Austin Grant	23	Franklin	Rev. J. B. Woodland
	Abbie M. Adams	20	"	Franklin
" 27	Ira E. Darling	28	Franklin	Rev. D. M. Hodge
	Harriet C. Dana	28	"	Franklin
Nov. 6	James D. Stewart	22	Franklin	Rev. J. B Woodland
	Laura E. Hood	30	"	Franklin
" 10	Harry L Smith	21	Bellingham	Rev. J. M. Rock- [wood
	Annie A. Bennett	19	Franklin	Bellingham
" 11	Arthur Parish	24	Millis	Rev. Wm. Thayer
	Florence A. Ferris	22	Franklin	Franklin
" 18	Arthur C. Fiske	30	Wrentham	Rev. E. C. Hood
	Mary A. Steele	21	Franklin	Wrentham
" 24	Harry C. Patten	27	Mansfield	Rev. J. B. Woodland
	Nancy A. Growden	26	Franklin	Franklin
" 25	Walter J. Hatch	23	Pawtucket, R. I.	Rev. R. K. Harlow
	Bertha E. Scott	23	Franklin	Franklin
Dec. 4	Peter J. Bassett	29	Franklin	Rev. L. Drury
	Ida B. Dodge	20	Medway	Medway
" 28	Thomas Keefe	25	Franklin	Rev. M. J. Lee
	Mary L. Millett	19	"	Franklin

Total, 37.

Deaths Recorded in Franklin During 1897.

The initial letter inclosed is the first letter of the maiden name.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
January 19	George Keith	54	—	—	Apoplexia
" 22	Clarissa (Norcross) Pond	85	3	16	Old age
" 26	Charles Abbe	67	—	—	Progressive paralysis
" 29	—— Hill	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 31	Mary Ann (Rhodes) Bacon	83	2	7	Cerebral apoplexy
February 6	Francis E. Spence	4	—	7	Inflammation of brain
" 10	William H. Savage	26	8	13	Consumption
" 14	John F. Murry	—	—	19	Pneumonia
" 21	William H. McCauley	30	6	3	Endocarditis
" 24	Marion L. (P) Gay	59	2	28	Chronic enteritis
" 27	Rilla M. (B) Gage	41	5	21	Pneumonia
" 28	—— Davis	-	—	—	Stillborn
March 6	Michael Hollahan	52	—	—	Accident
" 7	Fritz M. Ekensteen	29	7	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 7	Margaret (McM) Lennon	62	—	—	Chronic Bronchitis
" 8	Emeline Bullard	69	10	3	Heart disease
" 10	Margaret (M) Smith	66	6	9	Cancer
" 10	—— Joyce	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 14	Richard Henry King	66	11	1	Asthma, Chronic diarrhea
" 18	Ellen L. Vigvert	—	—	1	Premature birth
" 30	George A. West	43	9	6	Pneumonia
" 31	Daniel Green	90	11	12	Senile debility
April 1	John Canney	69	8	8	Cancer of throat
" 2	Isabella I. (L) Pond	68	7	21	Pneumonia
" 3	James C. McKinnon	—	—	16	Cerebral meningitis
" 3	Ralph E. McNamara	—	4	25	Putmonic atalectasis
" 10	Mary W. (W) Miller	73	—	26	Dilation of heart
" 10	David Lawrence	96	4	—	Old age
" 12	Mary A. (G) Kinney	38	—	—	Acute pluritis
" 14	Lucy (G) Jones	87	3	20	Old age
May 1	Stiles E. Shirley	66	11	11	Cerebral apoplexy
" 8	Robert Graham	73	—	—	Ch. Dementia senility
" 14	Patrick Haggerty	67	2	—	Cancer of pylorus
" 17	Maria P. (E) Southwick	67	4	5	Gastro, intestinal disease
" 27	George Wilshire	31	8	—	Consumption
" 30	Mary (D) Gunning	81	1	26	Senile debility
June 7	James F. Gilleney	35	2	9	Pulmonary tuberculosis
" 7	Cornelius W. Croston	17	2	12	Chro. Nephritis
" 8	Arthur J. Clapp	42	5	14	Phthisis
" 9	Moses Farnum	71	4	18	Heart disease
" 13	James A. McCauley	20	5	23	Consumption
" 18	Eleanor B. (H) Johnson	78	6	25	Cancer
" 26	Mary (Fox) Lynch	70	—	—	Cancer of bowels
July 4	Unknown	40	—	—	Railroad accident
" 13	Maria Bumpus	67	8	7	Congestive apoplexy
" 14	Erastus D. Rockwood	59	2	7	Heart disease
" 17	Hiram F. Metcalf	47	10	—	Paralysis of heart
" 22	Susan E. (B) Wadleigh	64	4	24	Sarcoma
" 25	Peter Vendetta	—	2	25	Cholera infantum
" 26	Olive E. Lawrence	19	6	18	Acute enteritis
" 27	Olive R. O'Connor	—	2	—	Cholera infantum
August 12	Mary E. (H) Thayer	69	11	25	Heart disease
" 14	Charles A. Woodward	66	10	6	Bright's disease
" 14	John Draheim	76	5	21	Old age
" 19	—— Moulton	—	—	1-6	Premature birth
" 23	Simeon Lesure	91	—	16	Old age
" 22	Joseph W. Heaton	67	9	26	Cerebral softening
Sept. 3	—— McDonald	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 6	—— Gregori	—	—	—	Stillborn
" 9	Hattie P. Mannell	—	5	14	Enteric fever
" 18	Harriet E. (C) Talcott	77	2	20	Cystitis
" 22	—— Davis	—	—	10	Marasmus
Oct. 10	Thomas Collins	45	—	—	Cerebral apoplexy
" 10	Catherine Riley	63	—	—	Pneumonia

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Oct. 21	Beatrice St. Sauveur	1	5	—	Acute laryngitis
" 24	William R. Smith	72	2	8	Cerebral hemorrhage
" 29	Alexander Thayer	70	10	—	Bright's disease
Nov. 14	John McCullock	82	10	19	Old age
" 23	Jesse B Hopkins	60	7	—	Pneumomia
" 25	Louis Parren	69	—	—	Accident
" 26	Hamilton P. Stewart	83	7	5	Heart disease
" 27	Alanson A. Goss	—	—	—	Stillborn
Dec. 2	—— Calkin	—	—	—	Stillborn

Deaths, 73.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1898.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, GREETING.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the 7th day of March, A. D. 1898, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot the following town officers for the year ensuing, viz. :—Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, a Collector of Taxes, a member of the Board of Health for three years, one School Committee for three years, and three Constables, all to be voted for upon one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 4. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year.

ARTICLE 5. To hear a report of the town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to a pound.

ARTICLE 7. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in town for the current year.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses; for the support of the poor; for the support of the Fire Department; for water supply; for street lights; for the payment of the town debt and interest; for the payment of town officers; for the abatement and collection of taxes; for printing and stationery; the suppression of illegal liquor traffic; for payment of police; for State and military aid; for support of the Library of the Franklin Library Association; for the decoration of the soldiers' graves; for soldiers' aid; and for miscellaneous town expenses.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to construct concrete sidewalks in town, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will erect and maintain an incandescent light on Union street, near the entrance to the cemetery.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will erect and maintain an incandescent electric light on Central street, near the

residence of Nelson Corbin.

ARTICLE 14. To hear a report on guide boards from the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town, under the authority of Section 9, of Chapter 182, of the acts of 1883, will vote to purchase the franchise and property of the Franklin Water Company, or appoint a committee to take into consideration the same, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16.—To see if the town will accept Fales street, so called, as a public highway, as laid out by the Selectmen, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To hear a report of the Selectmen on Nason street railroad crossing, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will reimburse Owen Shields for a fine paid to Samuel Warner, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to buy the piece of land at the foot of the Common of Mrs. Newell Willett, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to employ a Secretary at a salary not to exceed $50.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will authorize the placing of an arc street light on Emmons street.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (500), to be expended on the town cemetery, under the direction of the Selectmen, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will put a fire alarm box near Almon Sanborn's on Maple street, and appropriate money therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will take any and what action in relation to lighting Pleasant street from the northerly end of Alpine street to the Norfolk town line.

ARTICLE 25. To see what rate of interest the town will fix to be charged on taxes after December 1st next.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will erect and maintain an arc electric light on Union street, between the residences of Dennis Sheahan and John Kennedy, at the corner of a cross street, which runs from Union to Washington street.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to adopt a seal, or do anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, or do anything relating thereto.

The polls may be opened at seven o'clock A. M., and may be closed at eleven o'clock A. M.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1898.

CHAS. F. NYE,
J. G. CUNNINGHAM,
GEO. P. MASON,
Selectmen of Franklin.

FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1897, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose by ballot the following named officers, viz: Three Selectmen, one Town Treasurer, one Town Clerk, an Auditor, three Assessors of Taxes, three Overseers of the Poor, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, all for one year and one School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, to be voted for upon one ballot; and also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town."

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes the current year.

ART. 5. To hear a report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take relative to a pound.

ART. 7. To vote a suitable number of names of persons into the jury box for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, as may be necessary to meet the current expenses.

ART. 9. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the town for the current year.

ART. 10. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks; for the support of schools, including the salary of a superintendent and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses; for the support of the poor; for the support of the fire department; for water supply; for payment of town officers; for payment of town debt and interest; for abatement and collection of taxes; for street lights; for printing and stationery; for suppression of illegal liquor traffic; for payment of police; for state and military aid; for support of the library of the Franklin Library Association; for the decoration of soldiers' graves, for soldiers' aid; for miscellaneous town expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate any and what sums of money to construct concrete sidewalks, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the School Board to employ a clerk at a salary not to exceed fifty dollars.

ART. 14. To see if the town will reimburse M. J. Lee, for money paid for concreting, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the town will choose a committee to take into consideration the advisability of making changes to improve the present method of heating the Horace Mann School House and its sanitary defects.

ART. 16. To see if the town will improve the grounds in the Union Street Cemetery, and appropriate money therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will grant to Franklin Post, No. 60, G. A. R., the custody and occupancy of the Chapel School House, located on East Street, and a portion of the lot on which it stands, so long as the Post continues under its present charter, with the privilege of making an addition of not more than sixteen (16) feet in length to one end of the building, in consideration of a duly authorized agreement by the Post that they will use it for legitimate purposes only,

keep the building insured for the benefit of the town while occupying the same, and peacefully giving up the same at the specified time with all permanent additions to the building.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase the fire alarm system now on trial and appropriate money therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the town will take any and what action in relation to the abolishing of the grade crossing of the New England Railroad Company on Union Street, and commonly known as "Nason's Crossing."

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock A. M., and may be closed at twelve o'clock, noon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1897.

EDWIN A. MASON,
CHARLES F. NYE,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the above warrant the following return was made:

NORFOLK, S.S. FRANKLIN, FEBRUARY 20TH, A. D. 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1897, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and the return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 1st, 1897.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall, in said town, on the first Monday of March, it being the first day of said month, A. D. 1897.

The meeting was called to order at the time and place named in said warrant by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and return thereon, and then at his request, Rev. C. W. Longren offered prayer, after which William F. Ray was chosen Moderator by ballot, in receiving which the check-list was used, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Before the opening of the polls the Selectmen appointed Nathan C. Nye and John B. Collins Ballot Clerks, and they were sworn as such by the Town Clerk before receiving the ballots, and before the opening of the polls the Town Clerk delivered a bundle packed by him and sealed, as required by law, containing 1,575 official ballots and 75 special official ballots for women, and the receipt of said Ballot Clerks was taken for said ballots.

The Town Clerk caused the cards of instruction and specimen ballots to be posted in each of the 14 marking shelves or compartments provided by the Selectmen, and a guard-rail was set six feet or more from said marking shelves or compartments, as required by law, and the cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted outside the guard-rail, according to law.

Voted, that article two (2) be acted upon next.

Voted, that the Moderator appoint a committee consisting of fifteen legal voters to consider the remaining articles of the warrant.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourns it be to Monday, March 8th, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at Morse's Opera House.

Voted, that the polls be kept open until 4 o'clock P. M., and then closed.

The ballot box, provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, used at the election, was publicly opened and shown to be empty, and was examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and found to be empty, and the register thereon was set at 000 and then locked and the key thereof given to Officer Silas W. Nickerson and the polls were declared open.

The voters cast their ballots into said ballot box, when it was found that the box would not accurately register the number of ballots cast therein, the paper on which the ballots were printed not being of sufficient thickness.

When the ballots were delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks, the check-list was used and the name of each voter receiving a ballot was announced and checked thereon by the Ballot Clerks; and the voter so receiving his ballot marked it at the marking shelf, or compartment, and then deposited his ballot in the box, as directed by the Moderator. The name of each voter so casting a ballot was announced in a loud and distinct tone of voice and checked upon the check-list by the election officers in charge at said box and list.

The following persons were appointed Tellers by the Moderator: Bradley M. Rockwood, James W. Desmond, Walter C. Sherman, John P. Costello and James E. Kelley, all of whom were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

William A. Moore and Osman B. Carter were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Moderator to fill vacancies, and they were duly sworn.

By unanimous consent of the election officers, the ballots were taken from the box which registered one hundred and fifty-six (156), at 9 o'clock A. M., and the counting of the ballots begun, and in said ballot box there were found to be one hundred and forty-seven (147) ballots.

The polls were closed at 4 o'clock P. M., due notice having been given.

Then the register on the ballot box showed that seven hundred and sixty-one (761) ballots had been cast therein, and the names checked on each voting list were then counted by the election officers in a distinct and audible voice, and the

number checked on each list used for the men voters was six hundred and sixty-two (662), which was announced.

And the names on each of the check-lists used for the women voters were counted and found to be ten on each, which was announced.

The number of ballots left at the close of the polls, deducted from the whole number receipted for by the Ballot Clerks, showed 662 ballots delivered to the men who voted, and ten ballots delivered to the women voters.

All the ballots cast by the voters as aforesaid were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made by the Town Clerk in open town meeting, as follows, viz:

For Selectmen:

John G. Cunningham had three hundred and twenty-five —325.

John F. Lesure had one hundred and two—102.

George P. Mason had three hundred and ninety-three—393.

Jeremiah J. McCarthy had two hundred and sixty—260.

Charles F. Nye had four hundred and ten—410.

S. Arthur Perkins had three hundred and nine—309.

Walter M. Fisher had one—1.

Lewis R. Whitaker had three—3.

Blanks, one hundred and eighty-three—183.

And Chas. F. Nye, Geo. P. Mason and John G Cunningham were declared elected.

For Town Clerk:

Orestes T. Doe had five hundred and eighty-three—583.

Blanks, seventy-nine—79.

And Orestes T. Doe was declared elected.

For Treasurer:

Henry R. Jenks had five hundred and ninety-one—591.

Blanks, seventy-one—71.

And Henry R. Jenks was declared elected.

For Assessors:

Elisha P. Chapman had three hundred and ninety-nine—

399.

James O. Chilson had four hundred and sixty-eight—468.

Lawrence J. Kelley had two hundred and thirteen—213.

James B. McKinnon had one hundred and fifty-nine—159.

William Rockwood had four hundred and five—405.

Calvin M. Smith had one hundred and thirty-two—132.

Blanks, two hundred and ten—210.

And James O. Chilson, William Rockwood and Elisha P. Chapman were declared elected.

For Overseers of Poor:

Cyrus M. Allen had three hundred and one—301.

George E. Emerson had four hundred and fifty-one—451.

Wilton A. Pond had two hundred and seventeen—217.

Samuel Y. Reed had four hundred and twenty-one—421.

Hiram Whiting had three hundred and forty-four—344.

Blanks, two hundred and fifty-two—252.

And George E. Emerson, Samuel Y. Reed and Hiram Whiting were declared elected.

For Auditor:

Nelson E. Newell had five hundred and seventy-eight—578.

Blanks, eighty-four—84.

And Nelson E. Newell was declared elected.

For Collector of Taxes:

Edward H. Sherman had five hundred and ninety-four—594.

Amos P. Woodward had one—1.

Blanks, sixty-seven—67.

And Edward H. Sherman was declared elected.

For School Committee for Three Years:

Henry E. Ruggles had three hundred and one—301.

William A. Wyckoff had three hundred and twenty-two—322.

J. Herbert Baker had one—1.

A. J. Gallison had one—1.

Blanks, forty-seven—47.

And William A. Wyckoff was declared elected.

For Board of Health for Three Years:

William H. Colby had five hundred and fifty-four—554.

Blanks, one hundred and eight—108.

And William H. Colby was declared elected.

For Constables:

Anthony Connor had three hundred and seventy-nine—379.

Fred L. Davis had four hundred and forty—440.

Kervin R. Jewett had three hundred and ninety-nine—399.

Lewis R. Whitaker had four hundred and thirty—430.

Silas W. Nickerson had six—6.

Blanks, three hundred and thirty-two—332.

And Fred L. Davis, Lewis R. Whitaker and Kerwin R. Jewett were declared elected.

In answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" the town voted:

Yes, one hundred and ninety-five—195.

No, three hundred and eighty-one—381.

Blank, eighty-six—86.

And the Moderator appointed for the committee to consider the remaining articles of the warrant, the following named persons, viz:

Frederic E. Aldrich, Joseph P. Bassett, Charles H. Corbin, Mancy M. Daniels, George N. Gaskill, Timothy J. Healey, Walter M. Fisher, E. Lovell Metcalf, Joseph G. Ray, Chas. Stewart, Dennis F. O'Sullivan, Joseph M. Whiting, Geo. W. Wiggin, Amos P. Woodward, Chas. E. Woodward.

After the declaration of the vote, as aforesaid, all the ballots cast at said election were sealed in an envelope, and the voting lists used at said election were enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and each of said envelopes was endorsed by the election officers according to law.

The Moderator caused all ballots which were not distributed to voters to be enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and he certified thereon that said envelope contained such undistributed ballots; and all said envelopes containing said ballots and check-lists were placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

And, on motion, at 6 o'clock P. M., the meeting was adjourned to March 8th, current, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at Morse's Opera House, as aforesaid.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Adjourned Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 8, 1897.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs, held in Morse's Opera House, in said town, on Monday, the eighth day of March, 1897, pursuant to the aforesaid adjournment, William F. Ray, the Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and the business proceeded as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE 3. The meeting made choice of the following town officers:

FENCE VIEWERS.

Granville H. Ellis, Wilton A. Pond, Cyrus M. Allen.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Carl B. Johnson, Douglass P. A. Jacoby, Henry E. Ruggles.

POUND KEEPER.

Norman B. Stone.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee of Fifteen, appointed to consider the remaining articles of the warrant and to report thereon, presented its report, through its Chairman, Walter M. Fisher, and the meeting voted that said report as printed be accepted and placed on file, and it was also voted that each section of the report of said committee be acted upon at the same time as the article in the warrant to which it referred.

COMPENSATION OF COLLECTOR.

ARTICLE 4. Committee report and recommend "That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent. on the amount collected, and that the Collector have the same power and authority that the Treasurer has when appointed Collector."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted, and that interest at the rate of seven per cent. shall be charged and collected on all taxes which shall remain unpaid after the first day of December, 1897.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 5. Voted, "That the report of the town officers, as printed in the Annual Report, be accepted."

POUND.

ARTICLE 6. Committee report and recommend "That the yard at the Almshouse be the pound for the present year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

JURORS.

ARTICLE 7. Committee report and recommend "That the list of jurors as printed by the Selectmen be placed in the jury box the current year."

Voted, that the list of jurors as printed by the Selectmen, and posted according to law, be placed in the jury box for the current year, except the name of Aaron A. Willard, who was by vote of the town and at his request, stricken from the list.

The names as accepted are as follows, viz:

Allen, Cyrus M.	Summer street
Allen, Thomas B.	Union street
Austin, William H.	Crescent street
Baker, J. Herbert	Lincoln street
Bates, Frank A.	Emmons street
Bent, Herbert A,	Beaver street
Blake, Oramel B.	Maple street
Blake, William A.	Pond street

Brock, Albert L.	School street
Buckley, Daniel, Jr.	Pond street
Bullock, Hubbard M.	Ruggles street
Butters, Edward F.	West street
Carter, Osman B.	Alpine street
Chapman, Elisha P.	Dean avenue
Chase, William C.	Peck street
Cleaveland, William M.	Garfield street
Cody, William G.	Alpine place
Colby, William H.	Crescent street
Corbin, Charles H.	Central street
Corbin, Daniel O.	Cottage street
Corson, David W.	Emmons street
Crocker, James B.	Crescent street
Crowninshield, Walter	Queen street
Daniels, Lucius W.	Pond street
Desmond, James W.	Church street
Dove, William	Union street
Emerson, George E.	Main street
Estey, Willard A.	Fales street
Everett, Alfred F.	King street
Gaskill, George N.	Washington street
Geb, Jacob F.	McCarthy street
Gowen, Charles R.	Pleasant street
Heath, Albert E.	Union street
Hosie, John P.	Peck street
Johnson, Carl B.	Union street
Kingsbury, George A.	Lincoln street
Lesure, John F.	Central street
Messenger, Everett S.	Main street
Metcalf, Edgar A.	Crescent street
Metcalf, E. Lovell,	Central street
Metcalf, Hiram F.	Lincoln street
Moran, Daniel P.	Dean avenue
Murphy, John, Jr.	Pleasant street
Newell, Nelson E.	Alpine street
Nye, Charles F.	Central street
Osborne, Fred E.	Central street

Peck, George I.	Central street
Rockwood, Bradley M.	Dean avenue
Rounds, Daniel H.	Pleasant street
Smith, Calvin M.	Beaver street
Sommers, Rudolph	Dean avenue
Stetson, Orlando S.	Maple street
Stevens, Roswell K.	Queen street
Stewart, Charles L.	Union street
Talbot, Henry A.	Central street
Tyler, John H.	King street
Ware, Eugene F.	Main street
Walsh, John P.	School street
White, Richard S.	Main street
Willard, Frank A.	Winter street
Woodward, Amos P.	Main street

BORROWING MONEY.

ARTICLE 8. Committee report and recommend "That the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

ARTICLE 9. Committee report and recommend "That the Selectmen be instructed to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor the current year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the town raise and appropriate for the following named purposes the following named sums of money for the current year, to wit:

For repair of roads, bridges and sidewalks, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, $5,000 00

For the support of schools, including the salary of a Superintendent, and the transportation of scholars; for repairing school houses, for

school books, supplies and miscellaneous school expenses,	12,900 00
For support of poor,	4,000 00
" support of Fire Department,	2,500 00
" water supply,	4,100 00
" payment of town officers,	1,400 00
" " " " " debt,	2,200 00
" " " " interest,	1,650 00
" abatement and collection of taxes,	800 00
" street lights,	3,700 00
" suppression of illegal liquor traffic and for payment of police,	1,400 00
" State and Military aid,	800 00
" support of the library of the Franklin Library Association,	700 00
" printing and stationery,	350 00
" the decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
" soldiers' aid,	700 00
" miscellaneous town expenses,	1,100 00

Of the last named sum $200.00 may be used for printing the Town Records.

Voted, that the Assessors publish, in the next Annual Town Report, a list of all abatements and the reason therefor.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ARTICLE 11. Committee report and recommend "That the town require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools the present year,"

Voted, that the report and recommendation be amended by adding to the end thereof the words "in the same manner as the past year." So that the recommendation as amended shall read as follows, viz: "That the town require the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools the present year in the same manner as the past year."

Voted, that the report as amended be adopted.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

ARTICLE 12. Committee report and recommend "That

the town raise and appropriate five hundred ($500) dollars for the construction of concrete sidewalks, and that the sum be spent for this purpose in whole or in part, as abutters may contribute a like amount."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

CLERK OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 13. Committee report and recommend "That the town be authorized to employ a clerk for the School Board at a salary not to exceed fifty (50) dollars a year."

Voted, that the report and recommendation of the committee be adopted.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO REIMBURSE M. J LEE.

ARTICLE 14. Committee report and recommend "That the town be authorized to reimburse M. J. Lee one hundred and sixty-eight ($168) dollars for money paid for concreting."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

REPAIRS ON HORACE MANN SCHOOL HOUSE.

ARTICLE 15. Voted, that a committee of three (3) be appointed by the Moderator to ascertain the defects in the heating and sanitary conditions of the Horace Mann School House and report at some future town meeting.

And the Moderator appointed William A. Wyckoff, Dwight M. Hodge and Horace W. Hosie to serve as such committee.

UNION STREET CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 16. Committee make no report.

Voted, that this article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 17. Committee report and recommend "That the town be authorized to grant the request of the Franklin Post, No. Sixty (60), G. A. R., regarding custody and occupancy of the Chapel School House, located on East street, upon conditions named in said request."

Voted, that the report and recommendation be adopted.

ARTICLE 18. Committee report "That the town be authorized to raise and appropriate money to purchase the Fire Alarm System now on trial at a fair valuation."

Voted, that the report be adopted, and the sum of five hundred ($500) dollars raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 19. Committee report "That the subject matter of this article be left in the hands of the Selectmen, with full power to act in the matter as they see fit."

Voted, that the report of the committee be adopted.

It was voted at 9.45 P. M. to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. Franklin, Mass., Mar. 2, 1897.

I hereby certify that Orestes T. Doe appeared before me this day and made solemn oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Town Clerk of Franklin, in said Commonwealth, to which office he has been duly elected.

JAMES M. FREEMAN,
Justice of the Peace.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I administered the oath of office according to law to the following-named persons who were elected to office in the town of Franklin at the annual March election, A. D. 1897, on the dates set against their respective names, all in said year.

Selectmen—Charles F. Nye, March 1st; John G. Cunningham, George P. Mason, March 2d.

Assessors, as prescribed by statute—Elisha P. Chapman, William Rockwood, March 2d; James O. Chilson, March 3d.

Overseers of the Poor—Samuel Y. Reed, George E. Emerson, Hiram Whiting, all on the second day of March.

Auditor—Nelson E. Newell, March 2d.

Collector of Taxes—Edward H. Sherman, March 6th.

School Committee—William A. Wyckoff, March 2d.

Treasurer—Henry R. Jenks, March 2d.

Board of Health for Three Years—William H. Colby, March 3d.

Constables—Fred L. Davis, Lewis R. Whitaker, March 2d; Kervin R. Jewett, March 3d.

The following is a list of the appointments made by the Selectmen when duly assembled on the following dates, all in the year 1897:

Superintendent of Streets—Charles S. Rand, March 13 (13).

Special Police, appointed March 2 without pay—Charles R. Gowen, Joseph T. Hutchinson, William G. Cody, Fred L. Davis, Kervin R. Jewett, Edmund J. Rockwood, George Bourbeau, Amos W. Stone; appointed March 10, Daniel W. Fisher, William Redpath; appointed March 26, Willard H. Fish; appointed August 27, George W. Hill.

Surveyors of Lumber, appointed March 10—William Rockwood, Clarence H. Woodward, George M. Wadsworth, Walter M. Fisher.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, appointed March 10—William Rockwood, T. Jefferson Daniels, Wilton A. Pond, George M. Wadsworth, Alexander M. Haggart, Kervin R. Jewett, Clarence H. Woodward, Thomas B. Allen; Norman B. Stone, May 28.

Measurers of Grain, appointed March 10—Frank D. Metcalf, James F. Ray, Nathan B. Arnold, George M. Wads-

worth, Clarence H. Woodward, William Rockwood.

Weighers of Coal and Hay, appointed March 10—Joseph E. Clark, George M. Wadsworth, Clarence H. Woodward, Kervin R. Jewett, James F. Ray, Jessie D. Hopkins, Nathan B. Arnold, Alexander M. Haggart, Anson B. Longworth, James B. Crocker, Thomas Keefe; appointed March 26, Elmer M. Wadsworth.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, appointed March 10—Granville H. Ellis.

Inspector of Kerosene Oil—Granville H. Ellis, March 10.

Agents for Burial of Soldiers—Edwin A. Mason, Walter M. Fisher, March 10.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions—William F. King, April 3.

Special Police, appointed March 2 for two weeks—Silas W. Nickerson and Anthony Connor. March 13, appointment of same two officers extended fourteen days. On the 26th day of March Silas W. Nickerson and Anthony Connor were appointed police officers for the current year until March 10th, 1898, unless sooner revoked, at a salary of fifty dollars per month. On the 15th day of October William Redpath was appointed police officer.

Auctioneers—Lewis R. Whitaker, March 13; David W. Corson, April 16.

Deputy Collector of Taxes—Jerome B. Fitzpatrick, March 19.

Forest Fire Wards, April 16—Charles S. Rand, Charles E. Woodward, Almon Sanborn, James M. Parker, William F. King, Albert J. Newell, T. Jefferson Daniels, Elliott Poor; Norman B. Stone, for the year beginning the first day of May next.

Board of Fire Engineers, April 16—John G. Cunningham, James B. McKinnon, Edgar A. Metcalf, George I. Peck; Wm. F. Buckley, for the year beginning the first day of May next.

Registrar of Voters, April 30—James E. Kelly, for three years from the first day of May, 1897.

I administered the oath of office to the following-named officers on the date set against their respective names, all in the year 1897:

Superintendent of Streets—Charles S. Rand, March 15.

Special Police—Silas W. Nickerson, March 3; Anthony Connor, March 2; Amos W. Stone, March 4; Joseph T. Hutchinson, March 9; William Redpath, March 12; William G. Cody, March 12; Daniel W. Fisher, March 12; George Bourbeau, March 23; Charles R. Gowen, May 22; Willard H. Fish, June 7; George W. Hill, Aug. 28.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—Thomas B. Allen, March 11; T. Jefferson Daniels, March 12; Wilton A. Pond, March 12; Kervin R. Jewett, March 15; William Rockwood, March 19; Alexander M. Haggart, March 22; Norman B. Stone, May 28; Clarence H. Woodward, Sept. 24.

Surveyors of Lumber—William Rockwood, Mar. 19; Clarence H. Woodward, Sept. 24.

Measurers of Grain—Nathan B. Arnold, March 11; James F. Ray, March 12; William Rockwood, March 19; Clarence H. Woodward, Sept. 24.

Weighers of Coal and Hay—Nathan B. Arnold, March 11; James F. Ray, March 12; Kervin R. Jewett, March 15; Anson B. Longworth, March 15; Alexander M. Haggart, March 22; Elmer M. Wadsworth, April 10; Clarence H. Woodward, Sept. 24.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—

Inspector of Kerosene Oil—

Agent for Burial of Soldiers—Edwin A. Mason, March 12.

Truant Officer—Silas W. Nickerson, April 10.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions—William F. King, April 5.

Forest Fire Wards, for the year commencing May 1, 1897—Charles E. Woodward, April 17; T. Jefferson Daniels, April 17; Chas. S. Rand, April 19; Norman B. Stone, April 20; William F. King, April 21; Elliott Poor, April 21; James M. Parker, April 23; Almon Sanborn, April 24; Albert J. Newell, April 24.

Board of Fire Engineers—John G. Cunningham, Edgar A. Metcalf, James B. McKinnon, George I. Peck, Wm. F. Buckley, all on the 21st day of April.

Police Officers—Silas W. Nickerson, March 27; Anthony Connor, March 29; William Redpath, October 16.

Office of the Selectmen, Town of Franklin.

Norfolk, ss. Franklin, Mass., March 19, A. D. 1897.

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, hereby appoint Anthony Connor to be Keeper of the Lockup in said Franklin until March 30, 1897, unless sooner revoked.

CHAS. F. NYE,
J. G. CUNNINGHAM,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I hereby accept the above appointment.

ANTHONY CONNOR.

I hereby certify that I administered the oath of office to the above named Anthony Connor, March 22, 1897.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

NORFOLK, ss. Franklin, Mass., March 26th, 1897.

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, hereby appoint Anthony Connor of said Town of Franklin to be Keeper of the Lockup in said Franklin for the current year until March 10, 1898.

CHAS. F. NYE,
J. G. CUNNINGHAM,
GEO. P. MASON,
Selectmen of Franklin.

March 27, 1897, I hereby accept the above appointment.

ANTHONY CONNOR.

I administered the oath of office to the above named Anthony Connor, March 29, 1897.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.
Attest: ORESTES T. DOE.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

Franklin, Mass., 1897.

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby appoint James E. Kelly of said Franklin Registrar of Voters in and for said Franklin for the term of three years, from the first day of May, A. D. 1897, and until another is appointed in his place.

Witness our hands this 30th day of April, A. D. 1897.

CHAS. F. NYE,
J. G. CUNNINGHAM,
GEO. P. MASON,
Selectmen of Franklin.

I, James E. Kelly, having been appointed Registrar of Voters as aforesaid, do swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of said office.

JAMES E. KELLY.

I administered the oath of office to the said James E. Kelly on this twelfth day of May, A. D. 1897.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

A true record.
Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I have destroyed the ballots used at the last annual election, according to law, on this first day of May, 1897.

A certified copy of the list of persons liable to enrollment in and for the Town of Franklin for the year 1897 has been filed with me on this 14th day of July, 1897, by the Assessors, and I have filed the same, which contains the names of 797 men.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 24, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, NORFOLK, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the twenty-

fourth day of July, A. D. 1897, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear a report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting to investigate and report to a subsequent meeting in regard to the sanitary condition of the Horace Mann School House, and see what action the town will take thereon.

ART. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the purpose of repairing the Horace Mann School House.

ART. 4. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the purpose of printing its town records, or to do anything relating thereto.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Franklin, this fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1897.

CHAS. F. NYE,
GEO. P. MASON,
JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM,
Selectmen of Franklin.

On this warrant the following return was made:

NORFOLK, S.S. FRANKLIN, JULY 17TH, A. D. 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of July, at eight o'clock P. M., for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town, and in ten other places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Special Town Meeting,

JULY 24, 1897.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in pursuance to the foregoing warrant, in the Town Hall, in said town, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1897.

The meeting was called to order at the time stated in said warrant by the Town Clerk, who presided at the choice of the Moderator by ballot, in receiving which a check-list was used.

ARTICLE 1. Lester L. Burrington was chosen Moderator by ballot as aforesaid.

ARTICLES 2, 3. Voted to act upon Articles numbered second and third at the same time, and thereupon,

The committee mentioned in Article two submitted a report which was accepted, and this report was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Legal Voters of the Town of Franklin:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to which was referred the present condition of the Horace Mann High School building, in the particulars of closets, heating and ventilation, have attended, according to their best ability and judgment, to the duty assigned to them and respectfully report as follows:

I. CLOSETS.

We find that the closets now in use are objectionable and unserviceable. There is an odor through the building, especially after the cremating process, and more or less at all times; beside which the present vaults are more or less rusted, worn or burnt out. The odor is due to two things: I. Improper construction. The furnaces for the cremating of the contents of the vaults should have been placed on a line with the vaults. As a matter of fact, they were placed back

of such a line, and so constructed that the heat from those furnaces has to be drawn forward and downward into the vault cylinder. II. A second cause is insufficient care and attention. The flue intended to carry off the odors from these closets was originally furnished with valves or dampers, operated by a chain in front of the draught furnace. These have been tampered with and broken, and the chain has been broken off. Whether if the construction had been what it should have been and the management of the apparatus correct, all odor would have been obviated, we are unable to say. We have had no opportunity to make that experiment. That the construction and management have been faulty is, however, apparent. Considering the fact that the success of the cremating closet is problematical, and that these closets are nearly burnt out, owing to the use of sheet iron; instead of copper, as the original plan of the apparatus provides, we recommend that the closets be taken out and that flushing closets be provided instead; three upon the boys' side, and four upon the girls' side of the building, and that they, with the urinals, be connected with the well now on the premises, and an overflow for liquid waste be made into the cistern or cesspool now in use.

II. VENTILATION.

We find the ventilation unequal and unsatisfactory. Air is blown in from the outside, under certain conditions of wind and weather, with such force that it cannot be warmed as fast as supplied. It is sent through flues in the rear of the furnaces, where it is not warmed, and is poured into school-rooms, cold, and with such force as to make certain places in these rooms unfit for occupancy. We recommend that an air storage chamber be made on the north side of the basement, using a part of the room now used as a wood-room; that this be connected with the space now boarded in as an air passage; that the wall over which the cold air is now drawn be lowered, and that the force of the current be broken, if found necessary, by drops from the ceiling of the storage room. This will leave all the cold air supply we now have, adding a storage room

from which air can been drawn. Other arrangements, which will help to prevent forcible currents of cold air, will be mentioned in connection with what we have to say about the heating of the building.

III. HEATING.

Several complaints, in regard to the heating of the building, have been made to your committee. It is said that too much coal is consumed; that the heating of one room, at least, is inadequate; that the halls are in cold weather very uncomfortable, no arrangement for heating them having ever been made. When doors into the school-rooms are opened, the cold air from the halls is blown or drawn into the rooms, exposing certain scholars to cold draughts of air. Your committee felt compelled, therefore, to take all this into consideration. We find, 1: That the furnaces now in use were built for soft coal instead of hard. Hard coal has heretofore, however, been used in them. 2. According to the present arrangement, the cold air is drawn chiefly to the rear of the furnaces where the heat is least, and not under the front of them where the fire is hottest. 3. That the furnaces do not appear to have had any recent cleaning out. The relative great consumption of coal and small production of heat is fully explained by these three causes. We have the estimate of an expert, accustomed to the heating of large buildings, that it is possible to reduce the cost of heating to our present capacity twenty-five per cent. There certainly is a great waste of heating material under the present arrangement.

We recommend that soft coal be used in all these furnaces. We recommend that sheet iron underdecking be made so as to bring the air to be heated under the front of the furnaces especially. We recommend that the School Committee require that the furnaces be cleaned of ashes and soot once a week when in use. In order to heat the halls a small extra furnace will be required. We recommend that it be placed in the basement under the northwest corner of the building near the dividing wall of the front basement; that this furnace be used to heat the halls in that side of the building, and the room on the first

floor now imperfectly heated, and that flues be constructed between the hall and this room for this purpose, leaving the furnace now in the tower basement for the use of the rooms in he tower and halls upon the other side of the building. T his would necessitate an enlargement of the chimney on the north-west corner of the building.

These changes would leave sufficient storage room for coal and ashes. Air for this additional furnace could be brought from the storage chamber by means of a tunnel, and the basement accommodation would be as good as at present. We would earnestly recommend that automatic regulation of heat be provided in the two school-rooms on the first floor, in the large room and small recitation rooms on the second floor. We do not believe that uniform and healthful heating of these rooms will be secured without it.

Your committee, considering that as the Smead Company's name is on the apparatus now in use, that Company would have a greater interest than any other in making the heat, ventilation and closets a credit to their name, corresponded with this Company at its headquarters at Toledo, Ohio. When these furnaces and closets were put in, the Smead Company had given their New England territory, in which they had not previously done business, to an individual, entirely distinct from their Company, the only stipulation being that he should buy his iron of them. The closets are not of their invention. It is only fair to say that the Company claim never to have had any knowledge of the manner in which they were put in, and never to have devised them.

The Company sent us their engineer, and he has made an estimate of the cost of all these changes, employing local mason's and carpenter's work, which is no doubt lower than indifferent persons would give us.

We recommend an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars to cover cost of all changes herein recommended, including new furnace, new closets, as specified, automatic regulation, needed repairs on old furnaces, and all changes of whatever kind, except the continued cleaning of furnaces, and

the use of soft coal, recommended in this report. We believe these changes would give us perfect ventilation, adequate heat in all weathers, and perfect sanitary conditions.

We, therefore, recommend that the proposition of the Smead Company, through its agent, Mr. A. G. Crouse, be accepted, and that the work be done under his supervision and according to the plans and specifications furnished by him to this committee at our request.

DWIGHT M. HODGE,
WILLIAM A. WYCKOFF,
HORACE W. HOSIE,
Committee.

Franklin, Mass., July 12, 1897.

By a unanimous vote, it was voted that the foregoing report be adopted, and the sum of $1,500 be appropriated for the purpose of making the changes and repairs therein recommended, and that the same be expended, according to the report of said committee, under the direction of the School Committee and Horace W. Hosie, and that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the said sum of $1,500, and give the note of the town therefor, payable in one year.

Article 4. By a unanimous vote, it was voted that the sum of three hundred and fifty ($350) dollars be appropriated for the purpose of printing town records, and that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the same and give the note of the town therefor, payable in one year.

It was voted at 9 o'clock P. M. to adjourn without date.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

FRANKLIN, MASS., OCT. 9, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—Wishing to leave town and engage in other business, I respectfully tender my resignation as day police and liquor officer, to take effect Friday, Oct. 15, 1897.

Respectfully,

SILAS W. NICKERSON.

WARRANT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION,

NOVEMBER 2D, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the second day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said November, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, a Registrar of Deeds for the County of Norfolk, a County Treasurer for the County of Norfolk.

The Polls may be closed as early as eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen, on or before the said day and hour.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARLES F. NYE,
JOHN G. CUNNINGHAM,
GEORGE P. MASON,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Upon the foregoing warrant the following return was made:

NORFOLK, ss. OCTOBER 20, A. D. 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1897, for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the post offices of the town and in ten other public places, in compliance with Section two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of the Town of Franklin.

A true record of the warrant and the return thereon.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION,

NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, in the County of Norfolk, qualified to vote as required by the Constitution for State officers, holden at the Town Hall, in said Town, in accordance with the foregoing warrant, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, being the second day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, two Representatives to the General Court for the Tenth Norfolk Representative District, a County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, a Registrar of Deeds for the County of Norfolk, a County Treasurer for the County of Norfolk.

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock A. M. by the Chairman of the Selectmen, who read the warrant and return thereon.

Nathan C. Nye and James W. Desmond were appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, and both were duly sworn by the Town Clerk before the opening of the polls, and Nelson E. Newell and James O. Chilson were appointed by the Selectmen as additional Ballot Clerks, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk, and acted in the absence of the Ballot Clerks.

Fourteen marking shelves or compartments were provided by the town, according to law, and a guard rail was erected six (6) feet or more from said shelves or compartments.

The first set of ballots furnished for said election by the Secretary of the Commonwealth was, before the opening of the polls on said day, delivered by the Town Clerk, sealed, to the Chairman of the Selectmen and his receipt taken therefor, in the following form, viz:

NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

Received of Orestes T. Doe, Town Clerk of Franklin, Mass., a sealed package said to contain thirteen hundred ballots for use at the election in said town on this day.

CHAS. F. NYE,
Chairman of the Selectmen of Franklin, Mass.

The ballot box, furnished and certified to by the said Secretary, was, before the opening of the polls, opened in public meeting and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty, and the register thereon was set at zero (0) and thereupon locked and the key delivered to the police officer, Anthony Connor.

The seals of the package containing the first set of ballots were then broken by the Chairman of the Selectmen, who delivered the same to the Ballot Clerks, and the cards of instruction of specimen ballots were posted in the marking shelves or compartments and about the room outside the guard-rail, as required by law, after which the polls were

declared opened, and it was then voted that the polls be kept open until four o'clock and then closed.

The ballots were delivered to each voter by the Ballot Clerks, after the name of such voter had first been publicly announced and checked by said clerk upon the voting list used by them.

The ballot delivered to each voter was by him marked in one of the voting compartments aforesaid and thereafter deposited by such voter in said ballot box after his name had first been publicly announced at said box and duly checked upon the voting list by the election officers in charge of said box and list.

On the 27th day of October current, the Selectmen appointed Bradley M. Rockwood and John P. Costello as tellers to assist them in receiving, sorting and counting said ballots, and before entering upon their duties as such tellers, they were all sworn by the Town Clerk to the faithful discharge of their duties as such tellers.

The Selectmen and Town Clerk had charge of the election, and the ballot box and check-list used with the same were under their care.

At 9.15 o'clock in the forenoon the said ballot box was opened, by the unanimous consent of the election officers, to remove the ballots therefrom for the purpose of counting when the register on said box showed 80 ballots cast, and thereupon a complete count of all the ballots so removed, it was found that there were 81.

The polls were closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, due notice having been made, when the register on the ballot box showed 444 ballots cast, and upon a complete count of all the ballots cast therein, it was found that 449 ballots had been cast into said box and cancelled thereby.

The whole number of ballots delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks was four hundred and forty-nine.

The ballots were divided into blocks, and each block was canvassed, as required by law, and the total result of said canvass was recorded on the blank forms provided for that purpose.

The names checked upon the voting list used as aforesaid were then counted in a distinct and audible voice in the presence of all the election officers and the public; and the two check-lists used for the voters each showed four hundred and forty-nine names checked thereon.

The check-lists used were furnished by the Registrars of Voters for the purpose of said election.

After the completion of the canvass of all the votes cast, and the whole number duly sorted, counted and recorded, declaration thereof was made, according to law, in open town meeting, as follows, viz:

For Governor:

John Bascom of Williamstown had seven—7.

Thomas C. Brophy of Boston had one—1.

William Everett of Quincy had seven—7.

George Fred Williams of Dedham had ninety-six—96.

Roger Wolcott of Boston had three hundred and thirty-three—333.

Blanks, five—5.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Lieutenant Governor:

Edward A. Buckland of South Hadley had six—6.

Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke had ninety-one—91.

James E. Cotter of Hyde Park had twelve—12.

W. Murray Crane of Dalton had three hundred and twenty-one—321.

Willard O. Wylie of Beverly had five—5.

Blanks, fourteen—14.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Secretary:

Addison W. Barr of Worcester had eight—8.

Charles D. Nash of Whitman had eighty-nine—89.

William M. Olin of Boston had three hundred and twenty-five—325.

Edwin Sawtell of Brockton had four—4.

Bernard M. Wolf of Boston had four—4.

Blanks, nineteen—19.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Treasurer:

George A. Brown of Lynn had six—6.

Robert C. Hafferly of Hyde Park had four—4.

Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport had three hundred and twenty-six—326.

Horace P. Tobey of Wareham had twelve—12.

Thomas A. Watson of Braintree had eighty-seven—87.

Blanks, fourteen—14.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Auditor:

Joseph Ballam of Boston had five—5.

Harry Douglass of Great Barrington had eight—8.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had three hundred and twenty-five—325.

Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill had eighty-nine—89.

Herbert M. Small of Templeton had six—6.

Blanks, sixteen—16.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Attorney General:

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst had seven—7.

William Harrison of Lawrence had seven—7.

Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had three hundred and twenty-four—324.

William W. McClench of Chicopee had twelve—12.

John A. O'Keefe of Lynn had eighty-six—86.

Blanks, thirteen—13.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Councillor—Second District:

Dana Estes of Brookline had thirteen—13.

Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth had three hundred and twenty-five—325.

George O. Wentworth of Stoughton had eighty-five—85.

Blanks, twenty-six—26.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Senator—Second Norfolk District:

Henry H. Francis of Stoughton had ninety-one—91.

Fred Homer Williams of Brookline had three hundred and twenty-two—322.

George S. Winslow of Norwood had fourteen—14.

Blanks, twenty-two—22.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Representatives in General Court—Tenth Norfolk District:

Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham had three hundred and twenty-four—324.

George Fenelon Williams of Foxboro had two hundred and ninety-seven—297.

Charles F. Nye of Franklin had three—3.

Charles Campbell of Foxboro had one—1.

Blanks, two hundred and seventy-three—273.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, eight hundred and ninety-eight—898.

For County Commissioner:

James Hewins of Medfield had three hundred and sixty-four—364.

Blanks, eighty-five—85.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For Register of Deeds:

John H. Burdakin of Dedham had three hundred and fifty—350.

Lewis A. Cook — ———— had one—1.

Blanks, ninety-eight—98.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

For County Treasurer:

Charles H. Smith of Dedham had three hundred and fifty-six—356.

Blanks, ninety-three—93.

Whole number of ballots, including blanks, four hundred and forty-nine—449.

Certificates of said balloting, signed by the Selectmen and attested by the Town Clerk, were sealed up in open town meeting.

The ballots cast into said ballot box by the voters were duly sealed and certified to thereon by a majority of the election officers for said town and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

The voting lists used at said elections were enclosed in an envelope and sealed and a majority of the election officers certified thereon to the identity of the voting lists so sealed.

The presiding officer caused all ballots, which were not distributed to voters, to be enclosed in an envelope and sealed, and placed thereon his certificate as to the identity of the same.

The presiding officer delivered to the Town Clerk all said ballots cast, all undistributed ballots and voting lists, sealed as aforesaid, together with the ballot box, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

On motion, the meeting was dissolved at 5.35 o'clock P. M.

A true record.

Attest: ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

MEETING OF THE TOWN CLERKS
OF THE
TENTH NORFOLK REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

The Clerks of the Towns of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Norfolk, comprising the Norfolk Representative District, number ten, at their meeting at the Town Hall, in said Franklin, on Friday, the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1897, at 12 o'clock noon on said day, being the tenth day following the day of the election, made out under their hands the following complete returns of all votes cast for Representatives to the General Court in said district, as follows, viz:

Whole number of votes cast, including blanks and scattering, twenty-eight hundred and eighty-two—2,882.

Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham had ten hundred and sixteen—1,016.

George Fenelon Williams of Foxborough had nine hundred and ninety-one—991.

Scattering, sixteen—16.

Blanks, eight hundred and fifty-nine—859.

And did ascertain from the foregoing canvass that Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham and George Fenelon Williams of Foxborough were duly elected, and made certificates of their election, one of which was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and one was sent to the Constable of Wrentham, and one was sent to the Constable of Foxborough, to be served on said Elbridge J. Whitaker and George Fenelon Williams, as the law requires.

Witness our hands at Franklin, Mass., this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1897.

David T. Stone,	Clerk of	Wrentham.
George E. Pond,	"	Medway.
Orestes T. Doe,	"	Franklin.
Louis W. Hodges,	"	Foxborough.
Henry A. Whitney,	"	Bellingham.
Silas E. Fales,	"	Norfolk.

A true record.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk.

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